

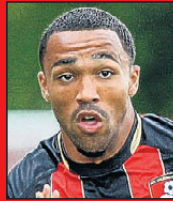
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AWAY WE GO

Saints grab first win on the road as Morgan hits a double...



SAINTS recorded their first win of the season as they came back from a goal down to outplay hosts West Ham at Upton Park.

Morgan Schneiderlin struck either side of half time to put Saints in front

WEST HAM 1 SAINTS 3

after they conceded an early Mark Noble goal.

Then Graziano Pelle – who scored his first goal for the club in Tuesday's cup win – recorded his first goal in

English football's top flight struck late on to ensure Saints go into the international break with a first Premier League win under their belts.

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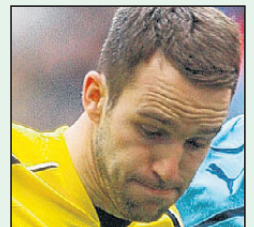
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WEST HAM 1 SAINTS 3: FIRST LEAGUE WIN

IMPRESSIVE NAB THREE

RONALD Koeman secured his first Premier League win as Saints manager as his side secured an impressive 3-1 victory at West Ham.

Saints were the better team throughout the match and were full value for all three points.

Mark Noble gave the Hammers the lead against the run of play with a deflected shot but Morgan Schneiderlin equalised just before half time.

The second half was all Saints and another goal from Schneiderlin and a first in the top flight for Graziano Pelle ensured Koeman's men went into the international break with a first Premier League win of the season on the board.

Saints started the game playing exactly as they had promised before kick-off as they tried to boss possession.

West Ham looked content enough to let them have it, get men behind the ball and make

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themselves hard to break down, ready to counter quickly and directly.

Dusan Tadic showed his threat out on the left on eight minutes as he delivered a beautiful whipped ball across the six yard box but there was nobody there to meet it for Saints and West Ham were able to get it behind.

It was the Hammers who created the first genuine chance of the game on 22 minutes as Saints were indebted to keeper Fraser Forster for keeping the scores level.

Stewart Downing tried for goal with an inswinging 25-yard free kick out to the right but it deflected off the wall.

The ball ricocheted around in the area before breaking to

Ricardo Vaz Te at the far post.

From the edge of the six yard box he got off a shot that hit the inside of the left leg of Forster as he spread himself wide and went across goal and just behind.

However, Forster was helpless to stop West Ham taking the lead on 27 minutes.

It was a mixture of carelessness and bad luck that cost Saints as Morgan Schneiderlin was caught in possession in his own half, with the loose ball seized upon by Mark Noble.

He steamed forward and opted to shoot from 25 yards out.

Maya Yoshida stuck out a leg to try and block it but only deflected it past Forster diving to his left and into the bottom corner.

Saints responded well and created a chance of their own on 31 minutes.

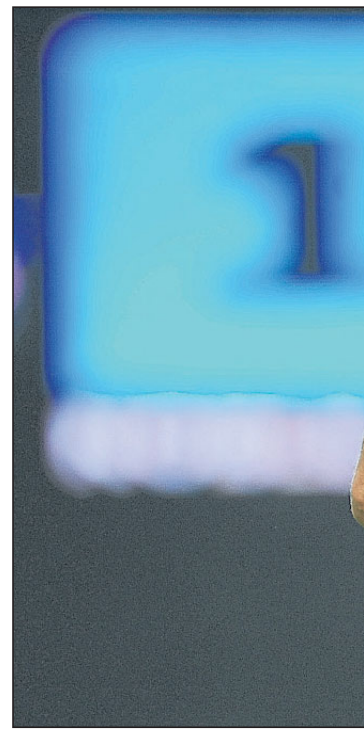
Ryan Bertrand got forward down the left and whipped in a cross that found the head of Graziano Pelle eight yards out. He arrowed an effort goalwards but Aaron Cresswell was in position to intercept it before it could reach the net.

Steven Davis was the next to have a chance to pull the trigger as a half cleared ball came to him on the half volley just outside the area but he fired well over the bar.

Pelle had another chance four minutes before the break as Tadic fired a low cross into the area from the left. It came quickly to Pelle but he could only produce an air shot and missed the ball.

Schneiderlin atoned for his earlier error by equalising with just seconds left of the first half.

Tadic's outswinging left wing free kick evaded everybody



and came to Schneiderlin at the far post.

He attempted to drill home his first effort right footed but it was blocked by the sliding Joey O'Brien. The ball came back to him and his second effort was more measured as he sidefooted it with his left across goal and into the opposite top corner for 1-1 at the break.

Saints started the second half brightly and forced Adrian into an early save as Shane Long got the ball into his feet with his back to goal but quickly span and hit a shot that the West Ham stopper had to dive to his left to turn wide.

Moments later Nathaniel Clyne flashed a great ball across the six yard box that nobody could get on the end of.

Tadic was the next to threaten with a half volley with the outside of his left foot that

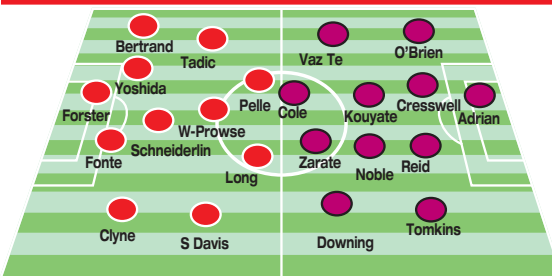


POINTS IN THE BAG: Pelle's first league goal made the game safe for Saints.



NEW SONG: West Ham unveiled loan signing Alex Song before the match.

The LINE-UPS



SAINTS SUBS: (from) K Davis, Hooiveld, Gardos, Wanyama, Cork, Ramirez, Mayuka.

WEST HAM SUBS: (from) Jaaskelainen, Demel, Poyet, Diame, Morrison, Valencia, Sakho

Ronald Koeman started Graziano Pelle and Shane Long together for the first time in the Premier League as Saints faced West Ham at Upton Park.

It meant Koeman stuck with the slightly altered formation he played for the Capital One Cup tie against Millwall.

Morgan Schneiderlin was the sole holding midfielder with Steven Davis, James Ward-Prowse and Dusan Tadic a further three before the strike duo with Long feeding off of Pelle.

Emmanuel Mayuka was amongst the subs with Saphir Taider expected to complete his move away from Saints after just over three weeks with the club.

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FOR KOEMAN AS SAINTS OUTPLAY HOSTS TO STAGE COMEBACK

SAINTS POINTS



Adrian just managed to get down at his near post to turn wide.

Saints took a short corner that was only half cleared and Schneiderlin was presented with a glorious chance as the ball bounced to him unmarked just outside the six yard box. However, his sidefooted effort this time went over.

Cresswell was the first man in the book after a foul on Long.

Saints thought they had taken the lead on 57 minutes as Pelle turned home an outswinging Ward-Prowse free kick at the far post but the flag was raised for offside.

West Ham were second best and made a double change to try and get on top with Ravel Morrison and Mohamed Diame replacing Mauro Zarate and Vaz Te.

O'Brien was the next to pick

up a yellow card after clearing the ball but clattering into Tadic.

Long got a shot in as Saints continued to dominate but couldn't get a clean connection and it was easy for Adrian.

It was his last action as Gaston Ramirez replaced him on 66 minutes.

Saints took a well deserved lead two minutes later.

West Ham fell asleep again and allowed Saints another short corner, Ward-Prowse was able to cross from the edge of the area, it was met at the near post by Schneiderlin under pressure from a defender and it was bundled over the line.

Saints made another change with Jack Cork coming on for Ward-Prowse on 71 minutes.

They almost put the game to bed on 78 minutes as a clever free kick saw Tadic play in

VICTORY SIGN: Graziano Pelle celebrates his first Premier League goal in front of the scoreboard.

Pelle on the overlap and he fired in a near post shot that Adrian beat away before the striker went in the book for time wasting.

West Ham made a final change with Enner Valencia replacing Carlton Cole.

Saints secured the three points by making it 3-1 with seven minutes remaining.

Cork played in Clyne on the overlap down the right and he crossed into the six yard box.

Adrian dived to punch it clear but only found Pelle arriving at the far post and he drilled home a left footed half volley into the near top corner from eight yards to secure the win.



CELEBRATION: Morgan Schneiderlin (left) celebrates his second goal after putting Southampton in front at Upton Park.



EFFORT: Southampton players tussle for a high ball.

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Cherries keep unbeaten run at Norwich

CHERRIES came from a goal down to salvage a point at Norwich and preserve their 63-year unbeaten run at Carrow Road.

Former Dean Court favourite Lewis Grabban nodded the Canaries in front in the 15th minute but Cherries summer signing Callum Wilson slammed home the equaliser in first-half stoppage time.

Boss Eddie Howe made three changes to the side that suffered a 3-2 defeat in their last Championship outing at Blackburn seven days ago.

Right-back Simon Francis returned from a hamstring injury after a three-game absence and Ryan Fraser replaced Matt Ritchie on the right wing.

Dan Gosling was drafted in for his first Championship start in a Cherries shirt at the expense of striker Yann Kermorgant, as Howe switched to a 4-5-1 formation.

Grabban started against his former club but there was no place in the Canaries squad for Andrew Surman, strongly linked with a switch to Dean Court this summer.

Grabban caused problems as early as the third minute when he has-sled Steve Cook into an error and delivered square across the six yard box, only for Eunan O'Kane to rifle clear.

Gosling sliced well off target from range before the hosts took the lead after a quarter of an hour.

Following good work by Steven Whittaker, right-winger Nathan Redmond beat Charlie Daniels and whipped in a teasing cross which Grabban powered home with his head.

Clearly pumped up against his former side, Grabban won the ball in midfield and swept a yard past the upright from 20 yards, before Kyle Lafferty fired straight at Lee Camp moments later.

Cherries had not mustered a single shot on target in the regulation 45 minutes but they silenced Carrow Road with a shock leveller in added time.

Following Stanislas' measured diagonal pass, the motoring Francis crossed first-time and Wilson arrived at the perfect time to slam home his fifth goal of the season.

The visitors were a much more composed outfit after the break but half-chances for Bradley Johnson and Gosling were all either team had to show for the opening 18 minutes.

The home side piled on the pressure in the closing stages but Cherries held out, with Camp tipping over Johnson's free kick with minutes remaining.

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IT'S not like there was any doubt about it anyway, but this was a game that showed just why it is so important that Saints keep hold of Morgan Schneiderlin this season.

There are now just 48 hours left of what has almost certainly been the most eventful transfer window in the history of Saints.

Yet, for all the talk about the sales of key players this summer, arguably the club's best performer over the past two seasons remains at St Mary's – and it is vital that he is still here once the clock strikes 11pm on Monday.

Schneiderlin has been the heartbeat of the Saints team for some time now and, ever since the club returned to the Premier League, he has taken his game to new heights.

He was brilliant at West Ham this afternoon, responding to losing the ball in the build-up to the hosts' opener with a dynamic display that saw him score twice and make countless important tackles and interceptions.

A call-up to the France World Cup squad this summer was richly deserved and, for all the interest from top clubs in players from Saints this summer, it is a mystery that no one of a greater stature than Tottenham has made a serious push for him.

It is well known that Schneiderlin had made it clear to the club's board that he wished to leave after returning from Brazil, but credit must be due to him for the attitude he has shown since being told he must accept that he will not be sold during this transfer window.

Spurs may attempt to force Saints to alter their stance with a late offer, but, given how strong the club have been in their statements

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on the matter, even a substantial increase on the £12m they have already bid is unlikely to



ON HIS WAY: Saphir Taider.

change anything.

Right now, and at this stage, it is hard to imagine any amount of money that would make losing him worthwhile.

There will be at least one outgoing from St Mary's before Monday's deadline, though, with Saphir Taider, the midfielder who only joined on loan from Inter Milan earlier this month, set to make a surprise exit.

Taider has not settled well in England and it is also understood that Saints manager Ronald Koeman has not been impressed with him in training.

The 22-year-old should head back to Italy to join Sassuolo on loan before the deadline.

Saints are not done in terms of trying to bring players in either, though.

It is well known that Koeman has been keen to add another wide player to his ranks before the deadline.

Any hope of a deal for Tottenham's Andros Townsend now appears to have been extinguished, with Spurs refusing to sell.

But there remain other options for the club, including Norwich's Nathan Redmond, who they have previously had a bid turned down for this summer.

Saints had also been keen on Atletico Madrid's Belgian international Toby Alderweireld to strengthen their back line, but Koeman has revealed that striking a deal for the player, who can be deployed at centre-half or right-back, is unrealistic.

Whether there is time to conclude a deal for another target in that area remains to be seen.

The loss of Taider could also lead Saints to keep an eye out for another midfield player, although, even with his loss, they do have plenty of options in that area.

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KOEMAN DELIGHT AT FIRST WIN IN PREMIER LEAGUE

RONALD Koeman was delighted to secure a first Premier League win as Saints manager.

The Saints boss felt his side were good value for their 3-1 victory against West Ham at Upton Park, which sends them into the international break with four points on the board from their first three games **writes ADAM LEITCH**

"I think we deserved to win," said Koeman. "I think we started very good, the first 15 minutes we were in total control with good ball possession but we didn't create a lot in the first 15 minutes."

"I don't understand after that period why we had more problems. Maybe

West Ham played long balls and long throw-ins and it's always difficult to fight the second ball because that's one of the qualities of them and we lost a bit of control in the game.

"Luckily we scored the 1-1 before half time because that's always if you make the goal a fantastic moment."

"I told the boys at half time 'keep the spirit and believe in winning and play to win, not to draw or not losing, play to win.'"

"What I saw was today we were a much better team than West Ham today and you have to believe that and have to play for that."

"We did that in the second half with more pressing, good ball possession and we deserved the three points."



THOUGHTFUL: Ronald Koeman during the Barclays Premier League match at Upton Park.

TOTTON MARCH ON

AFC TOTTON came through a potentially tricky home tie against Western Premier outfit Gillingham Town to take their place in the FA Cup first qualifying round.

Having overcome a scare when keeper Steve Mowthorpe saved a first-half penalty, the Stags emerged 2-0 winners thanks to Craig Feeney and Rob Flooks in front of a 280 crowd, **writes WENDY GEE**

The Stags were given a couple of early wake-up calls as Gillingham went for it from the off. With less than 50 seconds gone home keeper Steve Mowthorpe had to turn away Will Pike's close range strike following a throw-in. Then, from the subsequent corner, Drew Bridge cleared Nick Hewlett's header off the line.

As Totton gradually settled, Bridge ran into traffic on the edge of the box, earning a free-kick which Liam Gilbert bent just past the post.

Three minutes later American midfielder Kyle O'Brien neatly laid the ball off to Craig Feeney to force keeper Jordan Tewkesbury to block. Having had his dipping cross turned over for a corner, Feeney looked in vain at the referee after taking a shove in the back as the ball was delivered.

Gillingham responded with a corner of their own after Kieran Davis's long-range drive had taken a slight nick on its way over.

Chris Onoufriou was a whisker over with a header for Totton before being involved in drama at the other end.

With Stags skipper Rob Flooks off having treatment, Onoufriou gave away a 26th minute penalty for handball and was subsequently booked. But, having only just been denied by Mowthorpe when clean through, Gillingham No. 9 Steve Smith was again out-witted by the ex Saints Academy keeper



TAKING THE LEAD: Totton celebrate Craig Feeney's goal, just before half-time.

who flung himself to his right to keep out the spot kick.

Totton continued to make half chances with Zac Moulard nodding wide following a corner a Feeney having a right-wing cross well claimed by Tewkesbury but they lacked the spark that had taken them top of the Southern One South & West.

But just when it looked as if they would go in goalless at half-time, man-of-the-moment Feeney popped up with his ninth goal of the season a minute into stoppage time.

With Gillingham undone by a long ball down the middle, Moulard played it through for Feeney who rounded defender Dan Barber before beating Tewkesbury with another unerring finish.

Totton started the second-half with more

urgency as Moulard's effort was deflected into the side netting and Flooks' downward header was cleared off the line.

Nathan Hurst then hooked a shot narrowly over on the angle after Moulard had flicked on Feeney's cross.

With Gillingham looking far from beaten, nervousness began to set in on and off the pitch for Totton who breathed a sigh of relief when both Smith and Ben-Salem were unable to get a shot away as a dangerous ball came into the box from the right.

But, with six minutes remaining, Totton at last got the second goal. James Jennings was fouled by fellow sub Dan Cox on the left. Gilbert delivered a free-kick and Flooks headed home at the back stick to add a welcome degree of comfort to the scoreline.

Spitfires pay the penalty for miss

EASTLEIGH were dealt a harsh lesson in the realities of life at Conference Premier level by Macclesfield Town, as the newcomers to this league paid the ultimate price for Jack Midson's spurned ninth-minute penalty.

The scores were still level when home stopper Rhys Taylor pushed Midson's kick around his left-post, but goals scored by Domaine Rouse and Paul Lewis either side of the interval earned an athletic and enterprising Macc outfit a fully-merited 2-0 victory.

The afternoon's action began at a frantic pace with James Constable darting onto Jai Reason's ball into the right channel and shouldering home defender George Pilkington off the ball. Constable squared for Reason, who had continued on into the box but could only make a weak connection on his shot, before Luke Waterfall swiped the ball high over his own bar and to safety.

Rouse had the home side's first effort on target, his header from Paul Turnbull's corner falling harmlessly into Ross Flitney's gloves in the Spitfires goal.

Midson's (pictured) opportunity from the spot came after Pilkington, seeking to rectify his error in casually handing possession back to Matt Fry on the Eastleigh left, was rash in his challenge on Reason just inside the 18-yard line. Macc Number One, former Chelsea trainee Taylor, was comfortably equal to Midson's right-footed strike, the keeper diving low to his left to save.

That let-off galvanised the hosts, who escaped without punishment from another Reason penalty shout when the visiting attacker was tugged to the floor by Scott Barrow, before knitting together a series of attacks, inspired by the skilful Waide Fairhurst.

The opening goal arrived on 32 minutes, and was the result of Fairhurst's persistence. The forward broke the Spitfires' offside trap to race onto a Pilkington clearance, before holding up play and rolling a delicious back-heel to the overlapping Scott Barrow. The full-back shook off the pursuing Reason and hung up a terrific cross that Rouse, on his home debut, headed emphatically into the roof of the net.

Spitfires boss Richard Hill sought to change the direction of the game at the break, withdrawing Stuart Fleetwood - who had been booked late in the first-half - and Jamie Collins. Yemi Odubade came on to play on the right of midfield, with Midson dropping to the left and Reason moving inside from the right to partner Ben Strevens. Ben Wright came on to join Constable in attack.

Proceedings nevertheless continued in the same vein. Flitney's rushed clearance, after an under pressure Will Evans had toed the ball back to his 'keeper, landed at Lewis' feet. The midfielder, who ruled the roost with Turnbull in the centre of the park, took a touch before unleashing a terrific drive from distance that whistled narrowly over the top.

With the play becoming more frenetic, and a raucous atmosphere developing, Strevens was penalised for handball as he challenged Fairhurst. Home skipper Turnbull whipped the resultant 60th minute free-kick in behind a static Spitfires rear-guard, finding Lewis diving in to connect with a header the sent the ball past Flitney, so doubling the Macclesfield advantage.

Ultimately, the Spitfires were left rueing the passing up of their early spot-kick opportunity, and musing on the step up in standard they will be encountering this season.

Paul McNamara



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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

THIS was not exactly the start that Manchester United fans expected, was it?

A defeat to Swansea City in the first game, at Old Trafford, where they had not lost in the opening match of a season since 1972, a drab draw away at Sunderland, and the most humiliating of humblings away at MK Dons in midweek, brings back all the painful memories of the David Moyes era.

But before rival fans start pointing and laughing, and United fans themselves start calling for Louis van Gaal's head, it is important to remember that this is a project where patience is paramount.

This kind of a reaction is typical when you expect the new manager to perform miracles right from the outset, like, for example, winning the league.

As amazing a CV as Van Gaal has, one should never expect instant success.

For all his past glories, it is difficult to fathom that he ever had a side as bereft of quality as United currently are.

With all due respect to centre-backs Jonny Evans and Phil Jones, they are not in the same league as Nemanja Vidic or Rio Ferdinand.

They have talent, no doubt, but tenacity and the know-how during tight games is what separates the good from the best.

Happily enough, it's not impossible to learn, and with a coach like Van Gaal, they're sure to improve in leaps and bounds.

But the caveat is that it will take more than one season to iron out the flaws. And, in a 3-5-2 formation, one cannot have room for errors.

In midfield, Ander Herrera will certainly take some time getting used to a new team and a new league.

But the others, in the form of Michael Carrick and Darren Fletcher, should be able to ease the burden a bit.

While Van Gaal prefers a 4-3-3 system, he's forced into a 3-5-2 for this United squad to maintain balance. However, unlike Holland at the World Cup, United are not really equipped with enough players that can be played as wing backs, and that can cause problems, with players having to constantly judge whether they go forward or stay back.

In the forward line, when fit, both Wayne Rooney and Robin van Persie would certainly be automatic starters, and with Juan Mata feeding them, it shouldn't pose a major problem.

But, when one of them is injured or needs to be rested, the question of whether Danny Welbeck or Javier Hernandez can step up does not have an easy answer.

Should either leave the club before Monday's transfer deadline, even more scratching of heads will be seen among those on the Old Trafford terraces.

Hernandez, for one, looks devoid of any confidence, and Tuesday night's performance in the Capital One Cup may have done more harm to his chances of moving on than he would have hoped.

By his own admission, Van Gaal is a slow starter.

So, any judgments on the results should ideally be suspended for at least three months.

It takes the players some time to get adjusted to new systems, especially for someone labelled as a "mad genius".

And it's not just the training and the tactics that will be a change.

Even the mentality that the players bring to the team will have to be different.

There will be no safety-first approach, there will be no shying away from criticism, and if the players cannot step up, then



tough. They'll be chucked out without much ceremony, irrespective of how big their name is.

If some inside info is to be believed, Sir Alex Ferguson and top executive Ed Woodward do not see eye to eye about Van Gaal's appointment, with Woodward firmly taking the power away from the legendary Scot with the

Dutchman's appointment.

While that may well be a blessing for the club's fans, it just reinforces the idea that Woodward is very close to the Glazers, unlike his predecessor, and has their full support.

Van Gaal will have to work within this power structure to make his mark on the club, and he is not known to draw the ire of a club's powers-that-be.

When things don't go his way, Van Gaal may not let it go without a fight, and that may

cause turbulence that is felt on the field too.

The arrival of Marcos Rojo and the superb Angel Di Maria will go some way to rejuvenating the supporters' excitement for the current campaign.

Rojo brings some much-needed cover to a very stretched defence.

Judging by his time in Portugal, his obvious talent will be accompanied by some questionable temperament – which is perhaps what United need most.

Roy Keane in his prime gathered a collection of red cards, often attributed to his bareboned desire to win at all costs – a quality that Rojo shares, and which United desperately lack. Di Maria shares that desire too.

He may not slide into opponents or gnarl at his opposite number in the tunnel, but his sheer stubbornness to surrender rescued Real Madrid in last season's Champions League final.

Again, it is the sort of attitude which seems to be missing from United's dressing room at the moment.

Make no mistake, this isn't a quick fix.

As Van Gaal will try to convince us with every press conference for the next few months, this is a revolution that requires time. More importantly, it requires belief.

Belief from the fans, the board and, most importantly, the players.



NEW HOPE: Van Gaal with record signing Angel Di Maria

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FRIENDS REUNITED

TOTTENHAM head coach Mauricio Pochettino is well aware of the threat posed by Liverpool, having managed some of the players who may line up against him in Sunday's encounter.

The former Saints boss left St Mary's earlier this summer, and was swiftly followed through the exit by Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana and Dejan Lovren, who all joined the Anfield outfit.

Lallana is injured, but it's highly likely that Lambert and Lovren will fea-

ture in this White Hart Lane clash.

But Pochettino does not want his players to approach Sunday's encounter differently to any of their other matches

this season.

Spurs start the weekend top of the Barclays Premier League, having followed up a 1-0 win at West Ham with an impressive 4-0 thrashing of Harry Redknapp's QPR.

That 100 per cent start to life under the former Southampton boss has extended to the Europa League, where a 2-1 win at AEL Limassol was followed up on Thursday by a 3-0 triumph in the second leg of their play-off tie.

Tottenham go looking for a fifth successive win when Liverpool arrive in north London on Sunday – a match Pochettino wants his players to approach in the same manner as recent games.

"We are looking forward to Sunday," he said. "I think it is a great game, a tough game. We are looking forward to it. We will try to win the three points.

"For me, all games are a big test. It is true that Liverpool were second last season and they have invested a lot of money on buying different players.

"Yes, it is a big test but we need to put in place a mentality to get three points. We need this mentality for Sunday like we had in the last games."

The match offers Spurs a chance to gain revenge after the Reds, who secured one of the results of last season by winning 5-0 on their last visit to White Hart Lane.

That match resulted in Andre Villas-Boas' sacking, although successor Tim Sherwood did not fare much better as his side went down 4-0 at Anfield.

A similar humbling would seriously derail Pochettino's positive start, and is not a prospect he is even contemplating.

"We are in the beginning of this project," he told Spurs TV. "Only two months I have been at Tottenham.

"Liverpool have played the last two seasons in the same way, but without any doubt we try to put our philosophy to try and win the three points. That for us is important.

"It is a tough game, a good game to enjoy, but in the end I think both teams will try to play in the same way, in the same philosophy. I think it is good for our supporters and football people."

FACE TO FACE: Mauricio Pochettino (left), Rickie Lambert, and Dejan Lovren (right)

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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15

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Saints Spotlight



FRASER FACTS...

Fraser Forster

2008/09

Forster was 20 when he made his competitive debut on loan from Newcastle United to Stockport County in October 2008.

It was a losing debut for the keeper, Stockport going down 1-0 in a JPT tie at Bury.

Forster went on to play six League 1 games for the club, keeping clean sheets in his last three appearances before returning to Newcastle.

2009/10

Forster started the season on loan to Bristol Rovers, playing alongside Rickie Lambert in a 2-1 home loss to Leyton Orient in League 1.

Lambert moved to Saints a few days later, while Forster played just three more games before joining Norwich City on loan for the rest of the season.

Forster went on to keep 18 clean sheets in 38 League 1 starts as the Canaries recovered from a poor start to win the title.

Forster played against Saints three times for the Canaries, and let in two goals every time.

He took part in 2-2 draws at St Mary's in both the league and the JPT - Saints won the latter match on penalties to take another step towards eventual Wembley glory - while Lee Barnard struck twice in Saints' 2-0 victory at Carrow Road in February 2010.

2010/11

Forster joined Glasgow Celtic on loan for the season.

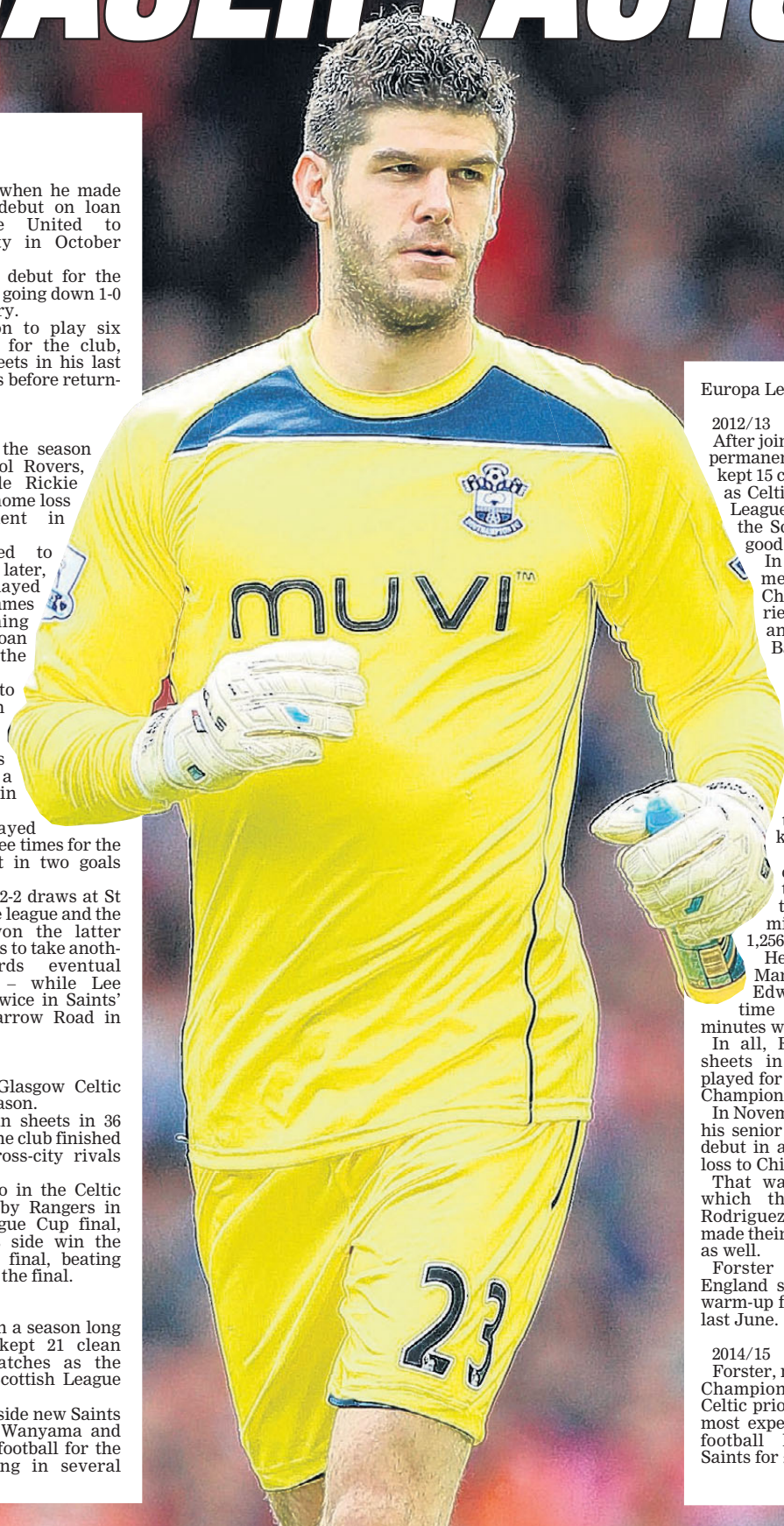
He kept 21 clean sheets in 36 league games as the club finished runners-up to cross-city rivals Rangers.

Forster was also in the Celtic team beaten 2-1 by Rangers in the Scottish League Cup final, but did help his side win the Scottish FA Cup final, beating Motherwell 3-0 in the final.

2011/12

Forster, again on a season long loan to Celtic, kept 21 clean sheets in 33 matches as the Hoops won the Scottish League title.

He played alongside new Saints colleague Victor Wanyama and tasted European football for the first time, playing in several



Europa League games.

2012/13

After joining the Glasgow giants permanently for £2.5m, Forster kept 15 clean sheets in 34 games as Celtic retained the Scottish League title, and also added the Scottish League Cup for good measure.

In addition, he played in memorable European Champions League victories at Spartak Moscow and at home to Barcelona.

2013/14

Forster won his third successive Scottish Premier League winners medal.

En route, he broke the record for consecutive clean sheets in the Scottish League, keeping 13 in a row.

Forster did not concede a league goal from the end of November through to mid-February, a run of 1,256 minutes.

He was close to breaking Manchester United keeper Edwin van der Sar's all time British record of 1,311 minutes without conceding.

In all, Forster kept 21 clean sheets in 37 games and also played for a second season in the Champions League.

In November 2013, Forster made his senior England international debut in a 2-0 Wembley friendly loss to Chile.

That was the same game in which then Saints pair Jay Rodriguez and Adam Lallana made their senior England debuts as well.

Forster made his second England start in 0-0 World Cup warm-up friendly with Honduras last June.

2014/15

Forster, now 26, had played four Champions League games for Celtic prior to becoming the fifth most expensive keeper in world football history, signing for Saints for £10m.

Taider heads for Saints exit

SAPHIR Taider is expected to end his time at Saints little more than three weeks after joining the club.

The Algerian midfielder has failed to settle on the south coast following what was meant to be a season-long loan move from Inter Milan.

The 22-year-old has not figured in any of Saints' three games so far this season and the *Daily Echo* understands he is keen to tie up



SAPHIR TAIDER

a move back to Italy in the coming days, with Sassuolo confident of securing his signature.

Saints are not expected to stand in his way, as it is believed Taider has failed to impress manager Ronald Koeman in training since switching to St Mary's.

It will leave Saints considering their options still further before the close of the transfer window on Monday night.

Koeman will be keen to ensure he has sufficient cover in his squad.

He wants to sign one or two more players, with a winger being the top priority.

It remains to be seen whether he will feel pressed into action to recruit another body if, as expected, Taider departs less than a month after arriving.

Townsend deal is 'not likely'

SOUTHAMPTON are resigned to missing out on Andros Townsend after manager Ronald Koeman confirmed the Tottenham winger is unlikely to join Saints.

Koeman has been working to lure Townsend to St Mary's before the transfer window closes on Monday, but Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino is reluctant to sell.

"It's difficult because it's one of the players on our list, but it's very difficult and I don't expect good news about that," Koeman said.

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Non-league Football



HILL GETS THE PERFECT RESPONSE



GOOD EVANS: Eastleigh's Will Evans runs away after scoring against Welling.

AS DISAPPOINTED as Eastleigh manager Richard Hill felt after last Saturday's defeat at Dover Athletic, there was one thing he could be sure of – his players would produce a positive response.

Given the Spitfires' uncanny ability to bounce straight back up after hitting the occasional hurdle en route to the Conference South title last season, there was never any question in Hill's mind that there would be an immediate reaction to the 2-1 reverse at Crabble.

Leading by a 15th-minute Jack Midson strike, Eastleigh succumbed to a Stefan Payne leveller before Dover's Sean Raggett was shown a straight red after tangling with James Constable.

But, against the odds, it was the ten-man Kent hosts who emerged triumphant thanks to Nathan Elder's winner 12 minutes from time.

As luck would have it, the Spitfires didn't have long to wait to resume their otherwise stunning start to their first ever Vanarama Conference campaign.

And, despite making slightly hard work of it, they got back to winning ways at the Silverlake Stadium on

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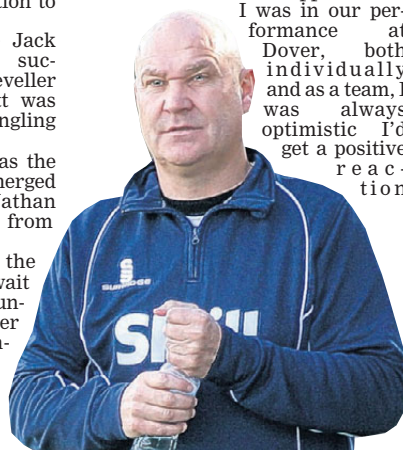
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Monday as goals by James Constable (2) and Will Evans sent Welling packing 3-1.

It was their third victory in just five games since promotion to the non-League elite.

Asked about the build-up to Monday, Hill, pictured below, revealed: "It was quite easy.

"As disappointed as I was in our performance at Dover, both individually and as a team, I was always optimistic I'd get a positive reaction



from the lads based on what we did last year.

"Apart from the very end of the season when we were knackered and we'd already won the title, we never lost one league game and then lost the next one.

"There was one instance when we lost at Ebbsfleet in the league and then at home to Oxford City in the FA Cup, but whenever we lost a game in the league – barring the very end – we always responded positively.

"I think there was one occasion when we drew after losing, but all the others we won.

"I go to work even harder if we lose a game and our response to losing was one of the reasons we were so successful last season, so I expected a reaction on Monday.

"It's always nice that the next game's at home and, without wishing to take anything away from Welling, they'd had a bit of an indifferent start.

"Mind you, that sometimes makes it difficult. Welling played well and, speaking to their manager Jamie Day afterwards, he said it was the best they'd played all season. Apparently Dover said it was the best they'd played too. It's a bit of the Conference South coming out again."

With the transfer window slamming shut this Monday evening, Hill has ruled out any last-minute signings – with the possible excep-

tion of striker Reece Connolly who starts training on Monday following a sixth-month drugs ban and can begin playing again on October 1.

With left-back Michael Green finishing a three-match suspension today and right-back Dan Spence and skipper/centre-half Dean Beckwith having been sidelined with groin trouble, the Spitfires have already proved their strength in depth.

"We've got 19 players and, if everyone's fit, three of them don't even get changed," said Hill.

"Everyone said we were short of defensive cover, but we've already played seven different defenders with Will Evans, Matt Fry and Chris Todd coming in. Basically I've put out two back-fours.

"Agents have been keeping me posted and I've had lots of names circulated to me, but there's not one that, in my opinion, would add anything to the squad that's not already there.

"I'm sure there are players out there who could add something different, but they're not available.

"Because big clubs have made it fashionable to sign players just before the transfer window closes, supporters think every club has got to do it.

"But I did our transfer business early and you can't do it early and late."

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Ex-Saints to open fete
POPULAR ex-Saints Jim Steele, pictured below, and Mark Dennis have an important assignment ahead next Saturday (September 7).

The former Dell favourites will be opening the summer fete at Otterbourne Grange care home in Pitmore Road near Winchester.

Set in large, beautiful grounds, the event (1-3pm) will include family fun with stalls, raffles, children's activities, entertainment, refreshments etc. All money raised will be put into the care home's residents' fund.



Jeepers keepers ...

WINCHESTER City's under-16s are in urgent need of goal-keeping cover.

With current No1 Jake Graham on the brink of a possible move to Portsmouth, City do not want to leave themselves short.

Manager Ryan Andress is the man to contact on 07891 245839.

Patience key for City

DEPARTED Eastleigh skipper Glen Southam says his new club, Chelmsford City, will have to stay patient to achieve the same success as the Spitfires.

Given the recent changes to the Clarets squad, the popular midfielder says it will take time to try and replicate the highs of last season when he captained Eastleigh to the Conference South title.

"It's always tough," said Southam. "We've got a lot of new players in the squad.

"Obviously me coming in, having won the league, my ambitions and expectations are to do the same. But it's common knowledge that the facilities we had last year at Eastleigh and the squad we had was a lot bigger than most.

"We've got a good squad of players that want to do well. It will take time though and everybody has to remain patient."

Matchday physio call

SYDENHAMS Premier outfit Lymington Town are looking for a matchday physio.

Anyone interested in the position should contact Barry Torah on 07849 645234 or at secretary.lymingtontownfc@yahoo.co.uk.

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Budget cuts no barrier to progress – Stewart

ACTING chairman Ken Stewart insists Wimborne Town's drastically reduced budget will be no excuse for a lack of progress after admitting the club "underachieved" last season.

Cuthbury stalwart Stewart stepped back into the hotseat this summer after predecessor Paul Miller had stood down due to increased work and family commitments, **writes ANDY MITCHELL.**

Twelve months ago Miller publicly stated his desire to see Magpies reach the Southern One South & West play-offs on the back of an ambitious summer recruitment drive, but mixed results saw Steve Cuss's charges finish 13th.

Following Miller's departure, it was announced that Cuss would have a much smaller playing budget to work with this season and the club have since invited applications for positions on the board through their official website.

But Stewart believes Wimborne's depleted war chest should still provide enough ammunition for a top-half finish – a feat they have yet to achieve during their four-year stint in the Southern League.

"Although the budget has been drastically reduced, I would consider it sensible for what we would like to achieve," he said.

"We aim to improve on last season.

"With the ability we had in the squad, I think we underachieved and, while a few results went against us, sometimes unfairly, we should better our position in the league this time.

"Bearing in mind we have kept most of the players, an improvement should be on the cards and we would like to get above halfway.

"I think everybody now knows what they have to do after a couple of years in the Southern League.

"It is time for the players to show their mettle to be honest."

BENNETT CASHING IN AT BORO AFTER LOAN

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JUSTIN Bennett provides a lesson to all experienced players who get farmed out on loan.

When the former Andover and Eastleigh hotshot was sent down to Poole Town to get games towards the end of last season, many thought his Gosport Borough days might be numbered following their rise to the Conference South.

But, far from marking the beginning of the end, Bennett's spell at Tatnam turned out to be a significant turning point in his Borough career.

On his return to Privett Park, he scored four goals in three games to establish himself as the club's record goalscorer after breaking Richie Coulbert's tally of 192.

Fuelled by that confidence, he has started the new season in a red-hot form, bursting through the 200-goal barrier with a hat-trick in last Saturday's stunning 5-0 victory at Weston-super-Mare.

"I'm really pleased for Justin," said team manager Alex Pike.

"Last year was his first at this level and he did suffer a little bit.

"But a month at Poole did his confidence the world of good.

"He went to Poole and scored some goals and immediately came back and scored four in three games for us on his return.

"That's been rewarded with another two-year contract with a one-year option because we felt he had lots of goals in him – and he's proved it.

"That's now five he's scored in the last four games. I'm really happy for Justin."

Ex-Saint Matt Paterson, a summer signing from Aldershot Town, opened the scoring at Weston before Bennett netted the first two of his hat-trick.

Substitute Paco Saez curled home the fourth – his first goal for the club



– and, fittingly, it was Bennett who had the last word, striking from the penalty spot after Weston had been penalised for handball.

Praising his strikers, Pike added: "It's good to see a good relationship developing between Paterson and Bennett.

"I think everyone has been spurred on by the likes of (former Sholing hotshot) Lee Wort sitting on the bench. Every player wants competition for places."

With a bit more luck, Wort might have scored a sixth for Borough at

Weston having burst clean through. But, having dived the wrong way, the Seagulls' goalkeeper saved with his legs.

"It would have been nice for Worty to have got on the scoresheet as well," said Pike.

Wort, though, didn't have to wait long to make his mark for Borough.

With no league game on Monday due to Salisbury's expulsion from the Conference, Gosport hosted an AFC Bournemouth XI at Privett Park.

They ran out 3-0 winners with Wort

volleying them into a 16th-minute lead.

Ex-Follands man Rory Williams – suspended last Saturday – went close before Robbie Matthews doubled the lead from the penalty spot.

Cherries raised their game in the second half but Gosport sealed victory when Spanish midfielder Saez profited from Adam Wilde's cheeky back-heel.

Monday's friendly was a fitting way to celebrate the club's 70th year and officially open the revamped Privett Park after a major summer facelift.

Gosney makes splash at Poole

POOLE Town have boosted their attacking options with the loan signing of former AFC Totton favourite Mike Gosney from Conference South club Gosport Borough.

Predominantly a left winger, the 26-year-old made his name at Totton with more than 150 goals and 300 appearances in eight years with the Stags.

Gosney trialled with Reading, Millwall and Wycombe Wanderers during his time at Testwood Park/Testwood Stadium and

switched to Borough in the summer of 2013 following their promotion from the Southern Premier Division.

Equally comfortable playing behind the frontline, Poole's new signing has had a positive start to his month-long loan at Tatnam.

Having made his debut in Saturday's 3-1 win at Burnham, which left the Dolphins second in the Southern Premier on goal difference from Corby Town, he scored his first goal for the club as Poole blitzed Frome Town 7-0 on Monday

to power into top spot.

On-loan AFC Bournemouth youngster Josh O'Hanlon led the bank holiday charge, sinking a hat-trick as Poole demoralised their visitors with a stunning five-goal blast inside 17 second-half minutes.

The dominant Dolphins had only Luke Burbidge's deflected opener to show for their first-half efforts, but O'Hanlon lit the blue touch paper with a cushioned touch and composed volley three minutes after the restart.

The Irishman soon added a second and the hosts ran riot with further goals by defender Michael Walker and Gosney before O'Hanlon struck again, lashing home his third after Burbidge's pass had dissected Frome's ragged backline.

Gosney had another effort ruled out for offside before left-back Neil Martin completed the landslide with the goal of the day, taking the ball in his stride, stepping inside and unleashing a rocket shot past the

despairing dive of goalkeeper Darren Chitty.

Poole boss Tom Killick was due to open talks this week over the possibility of extending O'Hanlon's loan spell.

He confirmed: "I will be speaking to Josh to see how he feels about staying on.

"If he's amenable to the idea then we'll take it up with Stephen Purches at Bournemouth. From my point of view, I am certainly keen to extend it."



MIKE GOSNEY

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Non-league Football



Engine trouble for Basingstoke



FIRST-HALF PENALTY: Manny Williams, left.

MONDAY'S 2-1 defeat at Farnborough highlighted a deficiency in Basingstoke Town's engine room.

Town led their north Hampshire rivals with just three minutes remaining at Paddy Power Park, but calamitously conceded twice at the death.

The late collapse underlined their lack of a defensive-minded midfielder capable of helping the side close out a game.

Admitting he was still in talks to bring in just such a player, Basingstoke boss Jason Bristow said: "We need a different type of midfield player, and that is something that we are looking to rectify."

"If we had won 1-0 on Monday, we wouldn't be talking about it, but it is a problem we have got."

"We are still speaking to a couple of people, but it is taking time."

Basingstoke had enough chances to win the match several times over, but they were punished for failing to kill off their Conference South neighbours.

Manny Williams' first-half penalty looked like it might be enough to give them all three points, only for Farnborough to level in the 88th minute and grab a winner in injury-time.

Basingstoke were naive in the closing stages, throwing men forward in an attempt to tie up the game.

With two minutes remaining, left-back Tom Bird found himself stranded upfield and Town never recovered defensively. The ball was worked to Phil Page and when 'keeper Stuart Moore was unable to hold his low shot, Dan Bennett levelled from close range.

Worse was to follow in the opening minute of stoppage-time as Town were caught short at the back again. Page was allowed to jink past a couple of challenges before firing home from a narrow angle.

Despite the loss, Basingstoke have made a good start to the season, taking nine points from their first five games to sit fourth in the table ahead of today's visit of Ebbsfleet.

Town have signed right-sided defender Marcus Johnson-Schuster on dual registration forms with Southern League outfit Swindon Supermarine.

Off the field, the club have appointed Simon Hood, the man behind the Soccer AM deal, to its executive board as director of marketing.

Non-league News

Ex-Stags loanee makes Cherries impact

AFC BOURNEMOUTH are unlikely to bolster their defensive resources ahead of the transfer deadline – due, in part, to the form of ex-AFC Totton loanee Baily Cargill.

The Winchester-born teenager turned in an assured display on his home debut as Cherries eased into the League Cup third round with a 3-0 victory over Northampton on Tuesday.

Cargill, who also caught the eye during the first round win at Exeter, has been on the bench for Cherries' past two Championship clashes against Nottingham Forest and Blackburn.

The 19-year-old left-footed defender – voted player-of-the-season during his AFC Totton loan spell of 2012/13 – has gone up the Cherries' pecking order due to Elliot Ward's extended absence with a knee injury.

Described by assistant boss Jason Tindall as "an outstanding prospect" with a very bright future, Cargill has impressed the management team since being fast-tracked into the first-team squad at the start of the season.

"We would have no hesitation in playing Baily," said Tindall. "He came in against Northampton and produced another really mature performance."

"We wouldn't want to bring in somebody just for the sake of it and don't feel we need anybody anyway when we have players like Baily and Jake McCarthy (another Totton loanee) who is waiting in the wings and developing really well training every day with the first team."

Cherries skipper Tommy Elphick, who looked on from the bench as Steve Cook partnered Cargill against Northampton, also heaped praise on his young teammate who was loaned to Welling and Torquay following his successful spell at the Testwood Stadium.

"Nobody is guaranteed a place and we know Baily is breathing down our necks," said Elphick.

"That is all down to him and the work he has put in and the improvements he has made."

"When you get someone as good as Baily, you want to see them coming to the fore at 19 or 20 and banging the door down to be playing in the first team. He has certainly shown he is capable of that."



MICK MARSH

MARSH: WE'VE GOT TO MAKE OUR OWN LUCK

SHOLING co-boss Mick Marsh admits the Boatmen had "a bucket-load of luck" en route to last season's FA Vase/Sydenhams Premier double.

So he is not about to start complaining now that good fortune has temporarily deserted them.

During their charmed 2013/14 existence, the Boatmen rarely tasted defeat – let alone three in a row.

But that's exactly what they experienced on bank holiday Monday when, despite putting up a gutsy fight with ten men, they lost 2-1 at neighbours and new league leaders AFC Totton in the Southern One South & West.

Having missed a golden opportunity to take the lead through Nathan Lynch, Sholing fell behind to a superb 15th-minute strike from Totton's man-of-the-moment Craig Feeney.

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Lynch then had a curling effort turned away by Stags' keeper Steve Mowthorpe before getting himself sent off for a petulant shove and kick on midfielder Liam Gilbert.

To their credit, Sholing's ten men hit back to equalise through debutant Kane Crisp against his old club, but they were undone again in first-half stoppage time when Gilbert picked skipper Byron Mason's pocket and played in Feeney to calmly stroke home his sixth goal in three games.

Reflecting on a tough start to the season following promotion from the Wessex ranks, Marsh admitted: "During our FA Vase run we had a bucket-load of luck and now it's our turn for the luck to go against us."

"We have two choices. We can feel hard done by or we can get out on the training ground and make things happen again."

"It's been a tough start and people will be looking at us after losing three on the bounce. But we've got to try and weather the storm. I'm sure we won't be the only club to go through a difficult time."

The big positive in Marsh's book was the character his outnumbered and injury-weakened side showed in the face of adversity at Totton.

"You can't play for an hour with ten men at this level against a team in the top five," he said.

"But we did extremely well to stay in the game. The passion and desire was there and we had a couple of chances to nick a point."

"I can't fault the commitment and work-rate that went in with ten players. These are the sort of games you can easily lose four or five-one, but we got ourselves back in it, got

punished for a mistake and we've got through and made openings for ourselves and haven't executed."

"I didn't think Totton overran us in any way, shape or form, but they're an in-form side and you can see the camaraderie."

"Good luck to Totton, they've been through the mill and now they're on a roll."

All three managers on the day were complimentary about Sholing's display.

Marsh's co-boss Dave Fear said he was very impressed with their "gutsy ten-man performance", adding: "I really feel for the lads not getting at least the draw they deserved."

Even Totton boss Steve Riley admitted: "Sholing did really well with ten men, but the sending-off was key."

"It can't have helped them to play 60 minutes with ten men – especially after a game on Saturday."

Non-league Football

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Sydenhams League 'no' to Salisbury

SYDENHAMS League clubs have voted unanimously to reject Salisbury City's application to join the Wessex ranks.

With the consent of the Football Association, the league called an extraordinary general meeting on Wednesday after being contacted by Salisbury's legal owner Otail Touzar about a possible late entry into the league, which kicked off at the start of August.

But not a single Wessex club voted in favour of allowing in Salisbury, whose very existence is under threat following their expulsion from the Football Conference.

A consortium, led by chief executive officer Paul Smith, are trying to wrestle back control of the Wiltshire club from Moroccan businessman Touzar.

That included a revisit to the High Court on Tuesday but the case was adjourned after Touzar's request for more time was granted.

On Monday (September 1) the troubled club face a winding-up petition over unpaid taxes.

An SWL statement issued after Wednesday's EGM at Totton & Eling Sports Club read: "The Sydenhams Football League (Wessex) was approached by Salisbury City, with the agreement of the Football Association, with regard to the club joining the league, despite the season having commenced, to assist the club in playing competitive football."

"The league has met with the club but cannot see that the club has a structure in place, on or off the pitch, to compete in the league, whilst the on-going court cases place a question mark over any long term involvement with the league."

"The league, along with its clubs, has therefore rejected the club's application."

Winchester City's director of football, Dave Malone, welcomed the result of the vote – albeit that, as a former Salisbury director, he does not want the Whites to go down the pan.

"Thankfully common sense prevailed!" he said.

"It's a great pity Salisbury City now look doomed for this season."

"The league officials, to their credit, had looked diligently at their application but, quite obviously, there are far too many pitfalls for the league and its members to accept them this season."

"My suggestion is that Salisbury get their house in order, where possible, then make a further application for next season."

"I'm sure most of us would welcome a properly run club of their stature if they are able to do so."

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DARYLL Phillips' five goals in seven games for his new club Brockenhurst have not escaped the attention of Winchester City fans.

Despite boasting the firepower of Warren Bentley, Zach Glasspool and Sam Wilson, title favourites Winchester suffered a shock 3-2 defeat at home to Petersfield Town on Monday, making it five points dropped in their opening four games.

Having watched the team lead twice and waste several other chances, one City fan ventured to suggest on the club forum that maybe it was "not such a good idea to let a player like Daryll Phillips go", saying he was an ideal player to throw on when you're chasing a game.

Phillips, though, has become more than just an impact sub at Brockenhurst. He has started all seven league games to date, helping establish the buoyant Badgers as the early pace-setters in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier Division.

The former Winchester Castle and Stockbridge marksman fired in the first of Brock's half-dozen as they overcame bottom-of-the-table Totton & Eling 6-3 on Monday to take pole position.

Brock manager Pat McManus, a former reserve boss at City, later revealed that he had failed in his first attempt to get Phillips over to Grigg Lane during the summer but succeeded at the second attempt.

"When I first went in for him Dave Malone (Winchester's director of football) said he was not available, but he later relented based on a conversation he'd had with the new managers there," he said.

"But I distinctly remember Dave saying to me at the time: 'I'll probably live to regret this!'"

"Daryll's worked really hard since coming to Brock and he's got the rewards."

"That's five goals in seven games for him now and we're really pleased with his contribution."

With previous league leaders Blackfield & Langley drawing 1-1 at Moneyfields on Monday, Brock sneaked a point ahead of the Watersiders after picking up their fifth league win of the campaign.

But the perfectionist in McManus meant he wasn't entirely happy with the performance even though



QUICK TO IMPRESS: Daryll Phillips, right, has hit five goals in seven games for Brockenhurst.

BROCK STAR DARYLL SHOWS CITY WHAT THEY'RE MISSING

his side had scored six goals.

"It was a bit of a shame really. We scored six, but conceded three – including one right at the end."

"Even 6-2 would have looked better than 6-3," he reflected.

Sloppy

"I felt we dominated the whole game, but I wasn't happy with the nature of the goals we conceded."

"We were sloppy twice in the first half and twice we got punished."

Having fallen behind to Aaron Blaxall's opener, Brock hit back to

lead through Phillips and Mark Barker – just back from illness – before conceding a 27th-minute Callum Oliver leveller.

Brad Magookin (2), Tom Hill and Barker put clear daylight between the sides before Breon Graham hit back late for the Millers.

"There's lots of stuff we need to work on – and we will – but the most pleasing thing for me and (assistant) Tony Patten is that we are where we are and there's still room for improvement," said McManus.

"We're all realists and we don't

expect to be there (at the top) the whole season, but we expect to spoil a few parties."

"The trouble is, we're also capable of spoiling our own party, but we will get better," he pledged.

McManus remains wary of falling into the same trap as last season.

While Brock were capable of upstaging the very best in 2013/14, they often came unstuck in so-called 'easier' games.

But there are signs that things are changing.

"We've picked up ten points from our last four games and, in the same fixtures last year, we picked up one point from 12," McManus pointed out.

"The problem last year was that the teams we expected to beat, we didn't."

"I was impressed by Fawley when we beat them 2-0 last Friday. Richie Coxall has set them up well."

"Last season we lost twice to Fawley and yet the Fawley we played last week were a much better side."

"It's been a mental thing with us that defensively we haven't been at the races against the lower teams, but against the top teams we have. But we'll sort that out."

Leaders in Boatmen raid

BROCKENHURST this week added to their table-topping squad by signing Danny Cox from newly-promoted Southern League outfit Sholing.

Cox was in his second spell with the Boatmen, having returned there from Winchester City in 2012.

The 23-year-old was classified as a utility player at Portsmouth Road but, accord-

ing to Brock manager Pat McManus, he wants to be recognised as a striker again – the position he thrived on when coming through the youth/reserve ranks at AFC Totton.

With Daryll Phillips unavailable, Cox was due to make his Badgers debut at Moneyfields today in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

McManus explained:

"Sholing wanted Danny. However, he was adamant he wanted to leave to get regular football in his favoured position, which is up top."

"He was frustrated at being played out of position."

Cox made 38 Wessex appearances for FA Vase/Sydenhams Premier double winners Sholing last season, including 31 starts, scoring six goals.



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STAGS PUT THE DARK DAYS BEHIND THEM

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THERE was no mistaking that Andy Straker was a supporter first and chairman second at AFC Totton on Monday.

After steering the Stags through one of the most difficult chapters in their 128-year history, the outpouring of emotion was there for all to see after a momentous 2-1 bank holiday win over neighbours Sholing had lifted the club to the top of the Southern One South & West.

Watching on as Craig Feeney netted his third brace in six stunning days, it was hard to believe this was the same club that had been mercilessly torn apart 4-0 by streetwise Sholing in the FA Cup first qualifying round last September.

Totton's playing personnel has changed markedly since then (as has Sholing's), but the Testwood Park philosophy remains the same.

The Stags retain a core of young/home-grown players who have matured remarkably quickly since learning their trade in the Southern Premier school of hard knocks last term.

Zac Mouland, Andrew Bridge and Taylor Edwards are a credit to Totton's youth production line, former Fawley youngster Rob Flooks has developed into a commanding captain/centre-half, and ex-Saints Academy goalkeeper Steve Mowthorpe is flourishing between the sticks.

Throw young summer captures Jamie Blackburn (ex-Brockenhurst) and Jamie Bulpitt (ex-Eastleigh) into the mix and the scoring prowess of ex-Totton & Eling striker Feeney and Totton truly have young talent to be proud of.

"These boys are getting better and better," beamed a proud Straker as Totton left the pitch to a standing ovation from the appreciative 315 crowd.

"This isn't the team we had at the beginning of last season, but we've built around it, bringing boys through from our under-18s and adding to it.

"The squad is looking great this season with strength in depth.



YOUTH PRODUCTION LINE: AFC Totton young gun Zac Mouland, left, and, inset, club chairman Andy Straker.

"Steve (Riley, manager), Chris (Ferrett, assistant) and Steve (Hollic, goalkeeping coach) have been working hard through the summer to get fitness levels ready for what will be a tough season and their hard work is showing already.

"Last year was very difficult with all our money problems and struggling to pay the bills, but when Steve (Riley) signed his contract extension he went on record as saying he likes the loyalty here.

"He likes what we've done at the club and, if we keep playing like we are, his job is going to get better!"

The one problem Straker foresees if Totton stay in and around the top bracket is clubs trying to woo away their young stars.

The recent sale of their Testwood

Stadium home has enabled the club to wipe out their mountain of debt, but Straker is adamant they will not start living beyond their means again.

"Our days of debt have gone and we've got to make sure we don't get ourselves back into the same position, which is easy to do," he said.

"We've got a tight playing budget this season. The manager knows that and the players know it.

"But if we sell players the dream, we hope they'll buy into it. If we get back up to the Southern Premier, we can go again."

With Liam Gilbert a tigerish presence in the midfield engine room, Totton were in no mood to be 'bullied' by Sholing as they were 11 months ago.

It was Gilbert's steely determination that set up Feeney's winner after the Boatmen – by then reduced to ten men following Nathan Lynch's dismissal – had levelled through ex-Stag Kane Crisp.

"Liam's a tenacious player who gets around the park and breaks things up," said Riley.

"And we've got (new American midfield signing) Kyle O'Brien, who is just getting used to the physicality of the league.

"What's pleasing is that we've matured and the lads are better at managing situations now.

"We've got competition for places and the attitude of the boys is brilliant. They know they will all get their chance as the season goes on."

Non-league News

Goalkeeping Groundhog Day for Oilers

FAWLEY AFC's goalkeeping jinx continues.

Having lost regular No1 Joe Prodomo to back problems early last season, the Oilers had a succession of comings and goings between the sticks – outfielders included – before ex-Christchurch gloveman Dan Loader came in to steady the ship towards the end of the campaign.

But no sooner had Loader vanished off the radar than Fawley's problems started all over again.

Adam Tong, who returned from Sholing during the summer, missed four games through personal commitments before being sent off in last Friday's 2-0 defeat at Brockenhurst.

Young Darren Winter, a newcomer to Sydenhams football, stepped in during Tong's absence, and the saga went full circle on Monday when the fit-again Prodomo made a welcome return at Whitchurch.

But with Fawley having clawed their way back to 2-1 through Keiran Palmer after Danny Phillips and Jack McCarthy had put Whitchurch in front, calamity struck again for the luckless 'keeper.

He came off worse in an aerial collision with centre-half Adam Pearson while attempting to keep out United's third goal.

Prodomo was taken to Basingstoke Hospital with concussion and released that evening.

Fawley chairman Kevin Mitchell said: "Joe only played one game for our reserves and one game for AFC Totton after injuring his back over the bank holiday last season, so when he said his back felt fine and he was ready to be included again, it was great news for us.

"Then this happens... "It feels as if someone up there doesn't like us.

"But Joe had all sorts of tests done at Basingstoke and there was nothing to suggest he'd done any damage, so hopefully he'll have a few days' rest and be back next week."

Loader's no-show remains a mystery.

"He's disappeared off the face of the earth," said Mitchell. "He came to the players' meeting during the summer and said he'd come to the first training session, but didn't. Callum (co-boss Callum Earl) tried to contact him but there was no response."

The 3-1 defeat at Whitchurch was the Oilers' sixth loss in seven games this term and Mitchell admits he is fed up hearing people say their performances deserve more.

"Dave Cox at Hythe & Dibden has seen most of our games and says he can't understand it because we're playing really good football," sighed Mitchell.

"Apart from the Newport game (an 8-2 defeat), we've competed against every team we've played, but we're just not getting the results.

"Brockenhurst have had some good results and gone top, but even they'd admit we gave them a very good game.

"We're happy with the set-up and the players we've got and we have to believe we will turn it around.

"Unlike last year, we need to have a good mid-season."

Moneyfields boss hails green impact

FORMER Romsey Town midfielder Stuart Green has returned to Moneyfields on loan from Gosport Borough.

Green was a key cog in the Moneys machine last season, banging in 17 goals in 32 Sydenhams Wessex appearances for the Dover Road side.

He was snapped up by Gosport boss Alex Pike during the summer but, unable to break into Borough's thriving Conference South side, he has gone back to Moneyfields on an initial month's loan to get some games under his belt.

"It's great to have him back

and I'll keep him here for as long as I can," said Moneys boss Miles Rutherford.

"He gives us a little added life in the middle of the park and, since he's come back, he's been great."

Green's goalscoring prowess again proved invaluable for

Moneys on Monday as they bounced back from behind to secure a 1-1 draw against then league leaders Blackfield & Langley at Dover Road.

Danny Young put the Watersiders ahead during the opening exchanges of the second half before Green struck

with just over ten minutes remaining.

Steve Hutchings drew a save out of Blackfield 'keeper Gareth Barfoot from ex-Saint Bobby Scott's corner and Green reacted sharply to bury the rebound.

Rutherford later described the draw as "a fair result."

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Army man Ian has Town on forward march

PETERSFIELD Town chairman Graeme Moir credits manager Ian Saunders' Army background with helping to knock the Love Lane outfit into shape.

Since Saunders joined the east Hampshire club in June 2012, Petersfield have received many plaudits for their attacking style of football which reaped a bumper crop of 118 goals in 30 games en route to last season's Sydenhams One title.

They made an instant impact in the top flight, following a 1-1 opening day draw at Bemerton with a surprise 1-0 home win over fancied AFC Portchester.

But that was nothing compared to the shockwaves created on bank holiday Monday when they stunned title favourites Winchester City 3-2 at the Denplan City Ground.

Leading by an 11th-minute Mike McEnery goal at the break, City succumbed to a Brad Miles leveller two minutes into the second half before reclaiming the lead with a 54th-minute own goal. As a cross came in from the right, Winchester striker Warren Bentley rose to meet it and the ball went in off rookie centre-half Ed Dryden's shoulder.

But Town's 17-year-old defender quickly atoned by heading home a corner to level matters 2-2 after 69 minutes.

And it was Rams skipper Alex Ward who sealed a memorable victory eight minutes from time, meeting a curled free-kick with a powerful header.

Saluting Saunders, a UEFA B licenced coach and head coach of the Army development squad, Moir said: "Ian's an army man and some of his coaching staff have served in the forces, so that's a unique thing he has brought to our set-up."

"We've got a few services players too and everyone is well-drilled and knows what they're doing."

Saunders, 38, hails from Plymouth. His playing career took in the likes of Tiverton, Liskeard, Fleet Town, Brockenhurst, Chichester, Wick and East Preston.

Throughout his playing days he was also instrumental on the coaching side, helping Liskeard to the latter stages of the FA Vase, joint managing Brockenhurst and filling in as caretaker boss at Fleet.

Just prior to joining Petersfield, he was player/assistant manager of Midhurst and Easingbourne.

"Not only has Ian got contacts in the Army, he's got few lads who have played for the Navy too and he has plenty of contacts down Sussex way from his playing days," said Moir.

"The team played at a top level on Monday and, as Ian said afterwards, you have to play at that level to beat a side like Winchester."

It was memorable bank holiday weekend for Petersfield who, just two days earlier, had seen off Bournemouth Poppies 5-3 at Love Lane.

Former Portsmouth, Sholing and Moneyfields marksman Warren Hunt led the way with a hat-trick, backed by two from ex-Salisbury City striker Jason Silver.

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JOHN Pyatt expects things to begin settling down at Lymington Town after "a bit of a rollercoaster start to the season."

The Linnets have been inconsistent to say the least, kicking off with convincing 4-0 wins at Fawley and Verwood, before lapsing into Sydenhams Premier decline.

Four successive league defeats followed, punctuated by FA Cup elimination to Winchester City at New Milton.

But Lymington got back to winning ways on Monday as second-half goals from Warren Kenna and Brad Strickland saw off last season's third-placed side Folland Sports 2-0 at Follands Park.

Behind the scenes it's been a stressful and emotional time for Pyatt, pictured, whose mum recently passed away.

"It's been difficult because I didn't know some of the players that well and then I was up and down to hospital visiting mum," he said.

"I was round and about the club and had (assistants) Warren Kenna, Bob Sullivan and Nic Jones helping to run things, but it's been a bit of a rollercoaster."

"We had lads I inherited when I came across from Bashley during the summer and we've brought new lads in. We've been trying to gel the side together but, what with holidays and all that, it's not been easy."

"You can't blame that for some of the results, but it doesn't help the situation – especially when we've had to play every single game away from home."

With cricket shortly finishing at their Sports Ground HQ, Lymington were due to play the last of this sequence of away games at Totton & Eling today.

They make a long overdue return to Southampton Road next Saturday (September 6) to host Romsey Town in the FA Vase first



qualifying round – and it can't come soon enough for Pyatt.

"We've had a right run of games, playing Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday all the way through and without playing any on our own ground," said the boss.

"We've been missing players and had quite a few out again at Follands with only one fit player on the bench."

"Carlo Tate played the whole game at 42 years of age and was probably our man-of-the-match playing a holding role in front of the back four."

"Once people start coming back we'll hopefully get a bit of consistency going."

Up front Pyatt has high hopes that young 'loan' duo Jack Odam and Tony Lee will forge a formidable partnership.

Former AFC Totton youth player Odam has already made his mark with three goals in six games since arriving on dual registration from Conference South outfit Gosport Borough.

He has now been joined by Lee,

signed on a season-long arrangement with Vanarama Conference newcomers Eastleigh.

Livewire Lee was rewarded with a permanent Eastleigh deal during the summer, along with fellow Spitfires young guns Jack Smith and Harrison Weekes, after catching the eye in pre-season.

All three were brought to manager Richard Hill's attention by Spitfires' head of youth Lee Peacock.

"Jack Odam's done well up top for us. I know him from last season at Bashley, so that's handy," said Pyatt.

"As for Tony Lee, I'm really grateful to Richard Hill for letting us have him."

"I got to know Richard a bit when we got Jamie Bulpitt over to Bash from Eastleigh last season."

"He offered us Tony for the season, although Richard has called back on him at any time."

"Tony's a good player and he's going to be a right handful."

"He and Jack Odam up front should be a good combination."

It's been a baptism of fire – McManus

BUSH Hill manager Eugene McManus admits his newly promoted side have experienced a "baptism of fire" in the first few weeks of their inaugural season in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League.

The boss, brother of Brockenhurst manager Pat McManus, admits that his team are slowly adjusting to life in the league after an incredible six consecutive promotions through the Drew Smith leagues and into the Hampshire Leagues.

But, despite the difficult start that saw them lose their opening four games before recording victories against Headley United and Liss Athletic, McManus is adamant that this isn't just a survival campaign for the Mansell Park outfit.

"It has been a hard start, but my expectation is to finish in the top half," the boss said.

"It's been a baptism of fire if I'm honest but we're learning and getting better."

"August is a strange month. The midweek games have been disruptive as we have a lot of players with work commitments and then you have some that have gone on holiday."

"That has meant we haven't been able to name the same starting XI in any given game."

McManus has been in charge at the Southampton club for seven years and has guided them through many successful campaigns.

But he knows his side have to be more incisive in front of goal and, already, the manager has switched his formation from a 3-5-2 to a more traditional 4-4-2. He admits that his side need to up their fitness to cope with the new level.

"There is a big difference at this level," he said.

"We can't keep squandering the chances we have. It needs to change, we need to keep learning."

"We were able to play that formation (3-5-2) in previous leagues, but this is a different level."

McManus added to his Division One champions in the summer. Jamie Feasey, the former Totton & Eling centre half, arrived along with ex-Badgers right back David Slack.

19-year-old Bradley Flukes, once a youngster at Eastleigh, came in too, along with Justin Nobbs, who had taken a break from football for two years.

While it is still early doors for them in the Hampshire League, the club harbour hopes of reaching the Wessex League and have secured a lease on their base at Mansell Park in Millbrook.

And in another development, the club have merged with Brendon Youth FC, meaning they now have five of junior teams playing under the Bush Hill banner.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 1
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Team Solent v Bemerton HH.

Tuesday, September 2
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Northern Section first round: Accrington v Carlisle, Barnsley v York, Crewe v Rochdale, Fleetwood Tn v Morecambe, Notts County v Mansfield, Oldham v Bradford, Preston v Shrewsbury, Scunthorpe v Grimsby.
Southern Section first round: AFC Wimbledon v Southend, Cheltenham v Oxford Utd, Crawley Town v Cambridge Utd, Peterborough v Leyton Orient, Stevenage v Gillingham, Wycombe v Coventry, Yeovil v Portsmouth.

HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
First round: Cove v Eversley & California, Hordean v Romsey, Folland Sports v Ringwood, East Cowes Vics v Moneyfields, Hartley Wintney v Andover New Street, Newport IoW v Cowes Sports, Fleet Spurs v Fareham Town, Hythe & Dibden v Hayling Utd, New Milton v Totton & Eling, Tadley Calveia v Alresford, Petersfield v Bournemouth Poppies.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Andover Town v Winchester City.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Premier Division (6pm kick-offs): Liphook v Headley, Paulsgrove v Fleetlands.

Division One: Andover Lions v Four Marks
Combination: Michelmersh & Timsbury v

Otterbourne.

Wednesday, September 3
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
(Selected): England v Norway, Rep of Ireland v Oman.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group Three: Slovakia U21 v Scotland U21.

HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
First round: Brockenhurst v Blackfield & Langley, Whitchurch v Alton.

RUSSELL COTES CUP
First round: Fleet Town v US Portsmouth.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Christchurch v Hamworthy Utd, Fawley v AFC Portchester.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Premier Division (6pm kick-offs): Colden Common v Hedge End Rangers, Liss v Clanfield.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Petersfield, Moneyfields v AFC Portchester, Ringwood v Winchester City.
Division One East: Fareham Town v Folland Sports.

Thursday, September 4
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East: Andover NS v Tadley Calveia.

Friday, September 5
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group Six: Germany U21 v Rep

of Ireland U21.
Qualifying Group One: Finland U21 v Wales U21.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League 1: Coventry v Gillingham.

Under-20 International: England U20 v Romania U20.

Saturday, September 6
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League 1: Barnsley v Doncaster, Bradford v Yeovil, Bielefeld v Southport, Chesterfield v Swindon, Crawley Town v Rochdale, Crewe v Notts County, Oldham v Fleetwood Town, Peterborough v Port Vale, Walsall v Colchester.

League 2: Accrington Stanley v Tranmere, Carlisle v AFC Wimbledon, Dag & Red v Northampton, Exeter v Mansfield, Hartlepool v Shrewsbury, Luton v Plymouth, Morecambe v Cheltenham, Southend v Oxford Utd, Stevenage v York, Wycombe v Bury.

VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Premier: AFC Telford v Dover, Altrincham v Darlington, Barnet v Alfreton, Braintree v Bristol Rovers, Chester v Macclesfield, Eastleigh v Southport, FC Halifax v Aldershot, Forest Green v Wrexham, Grimsby v Welling, Kidderminster v Gateshead, Torquay v Nuneaton, Woking v Lincoln.

South: Bath City v Whitehawk, Bishops Cleeve v Basingstoke, Bromley v Chelmsford, Ebbsfleet v St Albans, Farnborough v Havant & Waterlooville, Gosport Borough v Boreham Wood, Hayes &

Yeading v Wealdstone, Hemel Hempstead v Weston-super-Mare, Staines v Maidenhead, Sutton v Concord.

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: Arlesey v Frome, Banbury v Dorchester, Biggleswade v St Neots, Burnham v Cambridge City, Chesham v Bideford, Cirencester v Chippenham, Histon v Hereford, Hungerford v Corby, Paulton v Dunstable, Redditch v Poole, Truro v Hitchin, Weymouth v Slough.

Division One South & West: AFC Totton v Stratford, Bashley v Bishops Cleeve, Bridgwater v Cinderford, Didcot v Mangotsfield, Fleet v Swindon Supermarine, Merthyr Town v Sholing, North Leigh v Larkhall, Shortwood v Clevedon, Tiverton v Wantage, Wimborne v Evesham, Yate v Taunton.

FA VASE
First qualifying round: AFC Portchester v Bliton, Almondsbury v Whitchurch, Alton Town v Tadley Calveia, Amesbury Town v Hythe & Dibden, Andover Town v Westbury Utd, Bridport v Totton & Eling, Cribbs v Cowes Sports, Fareham Town v Fawley, Hamworthy Utd v Winterton, Lymington Town v Romsey, Moneyfields v

Brockenhurst, New College Academy v Fleet Spurs, Pewsey Vale v Melksham Town, Swanage Town & Herston v Downton, Team Solent v Cadbury Heath, Wincanton v Bemerton HH.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Newport IoW, Bournemouth Poppies v Folland Sports,

Petersfield v Christchurch, Verwood v Hordean, Winchester City v Blackfield & Langley.

Division One: East Cowes Vics v Ringwood, US Portsmouth v Andover New Street.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bush Hill v Clanfield, Colden Common v Overton, Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham, Headley v Baffins Milton Rovers, Hedge End Rangers v Fleetlands, Liphook v Liss, Otterbourne v Liphook, Paulsgrove v Stockbridge, Winchester Castle v QK Southampton.

Division One: Andover Lions v Cadnam, Hayling Utd v AFC Petersfield, Lyndhurst v Infinity, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Four Marks, Netley Central v Upham.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club, Clanfield v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers, Liphook v Otterbourne, Liss v Paulsgrove, Overton v Headley Utd, QK Southampton v Winchester Castle.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Sholing v Ringwood.

Division One East: Hordean v Andover NS, Tadley Calveia v Fareham Town.

Division One West: Downton v East Cowes Vics, Laverstock & Ford v Verwood.

Wyvern Shield, League Phase: A Bemerton HH v Bashley, C Blackfield & Langley v Alton, D Fawley v Team Solent, D Folland Sports v Wimborne, D Hythe & Dibden v Lymington Town, C Newport IoW v US Portsmouth, B Romsey Town v AFC Totton.

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Non-league Football

Chalk's worst fears being realised

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins boss Ian Chalk admits his side are "very low on confidence."

The Wiltshire outfit crashed a third straight defeat on bank holiday Monday when Verwood Town emerged 4-3 victors at Western Way.

Scott Joyce, Ollie Roe and sub Joseph Spratt found the net for the Harlequins, but were eclipsed by a brace apiece from Dan Munday and Jordan Fisk for the Potters.

"We look very low on confidence at the moment due to so many issues," Chalk lamented.

"I knew this season would be difficult after losing so many players, but if we'd taken half our chances in all the games we would have won the majority.

"We also had half the side suffering from bank holiday hangers, whereas Verwood looked a lot fresher.

"Our aim this season was to rebuild and survive.



ON TARGET:
Bemerton's Scott Joyce, left.

"We need to show a lot more if we are to achieve both."

For the last few seasons Bemerton have been

practically ever-present in the Sydenhams Premier top eight, but the loss of key players like Joe Sanger, Kane O'Keefe

and Danny Young has hit them hard.

O'Keefe, who had been strongly linked with Blackfield & Langley

during the summer, has instead dropped into Sydenhams One with Bemerton's neighbours Laverstock & Ford.



ADAM PULLINGER

YOUNG GUNS FIRE FOR STONEHAM

AFC STONEHAM manager Adam Pullinger admits that the club's transition this year "couldn't have gone any better" after an undefeated start to the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League season.

The 24-year-old boss had to remain patient last term as the Elliotts Arena outfit went through a period of change following a hugely successful 2012/13 campaign in which they won the Southampton Senior Cup, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

After that campaign many players left to play Wessex football and without a settled squad the club finished 12th in the Hampshire top-flight last term.

But Stoneham are back on track to fulfilling their Sydenhams League ambitions.

With all the ground developments in place ready for the next step and chairman Roy Kingdon continuing the positive work he's done since arriving six months ago, it is up to Pullinger to make sure it all goes to plan on field. It certainly has done so far, with

AFC STONEHAM'S NEW BOYS

Sam Whieldon: 24-year-old goalkeeper signed from Colden Common.

Ronan Galloway: 20-year-old defender signed from Romsey.

Tom Egerton: 23-year-old defender signed from Winchester Castle.

Matt Stuppel: 17-year-old defender moved up from youth ranks.

Brady Hampton: 18-year-old moved up from youth team.

Sam Adams: 18-year-old winger moved up from youth – seven assists, two goals in three starts this term.

Liam Hall: 29-year-old defender returned from a spell at Brockenhurst.

Ben Clarke: 22-year-old defender signed from Colden Common.

Callum Pragnell: 21-year-old midfielder signed from Alesford.

Tom King: 22-year-old midfielder signed from Winchester Castle.

John Cole: 24-year-old midfielder and vice captain signed from Colden Common.

Danny Silence: 30-year-old returned to the club after playing for Stockbridge – now team captain.

Callum Doyle: 16-year-old ex-AFC Boumemouth striker moved up from youth side.

the club sitting second with six wins and two draws.

One of the standout victories was the recent 9-0 thrashing of 2012/13 champions Locks Heath. Callum Doyle netted a hat-trick while Tom King, Ben Clarke, Melvin Rogers and Callum Pragnell scored one apiece.

Luke Musselwhite – brother of Blackfield & Langley targetman Jamie – notched his 11th goal of the campaign to round off the mauling last weekend.

"We've had a very good start," said Pullinger.

"This year we want to go up, we've got everything sorted off field now I need to do it on the pitch.

"There's no pressure we've got a good young squad, which we've added to over the summer.

"We aren't looking too far ahead, but we've got our vision in place and hopefully we can achieve that.

"At Christmas a lot of things were uncertain, but with Roy Kingdon coming in the place we are in now is superb.

"Looking back it couldn't have gone any better – it was a big turning point for the club."

Stoneham have had a busy summer, signing 13 players – many of who promoted from the youth ranks – and tested themselves against Wessex Premier opposi-

tion in pre-season.

It is testament to Pullinger's faith in youth that only two of the signings arriving during the closed season were under 25-years-old.

Pullinger works alongside an experienced coaching team, including long-serving club man Mark Stubbington, assistant manager Wayne Simpson as well as former Fleet Town and Sheffield Wednesday coach Steve Mellor, who has linked up with the club to run occasional training sessions.

Combined they've put a lot trust in youngsters.

"We didn't quite know where we were at after playing Wessex team in pre season," said Pullinger. "But we've made a very good start and have a very tight-knit team.

"We've got good young players who are willing to put the graft in."

Kingdon – who runs Kingdon Building Services – has overseen the development of a 100 seater stand, the purchase of floodlights and new dugouts along with a series of other expansions at their base on Chestnut Avenue.

Non-league News

I've never seen such camaraderie in a team – Rovers boss

FORMER Blackfield & Langley manager and AFC Portchester coach Louis Bell is back on the Wessex trail with his new club Baffins Milton Rovers.

The former Port coach exited Wicor Rec earlier this summer after being told he no longer featured in the plans of the Sydenhams Premier Division side.

At that point in June, he admitted he was 'gutted' to be leaving Graham Rix's team.

But, since then Bell, who has strong links with Portsmouth Football Club, has found himself a new side with lofty ambitions in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League.

Current champions, Baffins, saw ex-manager Fred Cornish depart at the end of last season, with Bell becoming the new man at the helm.

And he has the task of handling their ambitions of promotion to Wessex Division One this season.

They haven't made a bad start either, having won all eight of the opening matches, scoring 43 goals in the process.

Alongside long-standing coach Lee Newport, Bell has been mightily impressed with the team he inherited, which is made up of former youth players from Saints and Pompey.

"The club are desperate to get to the Wessex," said the one time Fareham Town boss, pictured right.

"We've got a terrific squad here and they need to be tested at a higher level.

"I'm really pleased for them, they're a really close bunch of players and they've played together for many years.

"That is one thing about this club; they've managed to keep the squad together, despite interest from Wessex clubs.

"I've never seen such camaraderie in a team. "Usually you might get a few cliques within squads but every single one of them gets on well."

Among their star performers so far this season is Shane Cornish, the former manager's son, who has impressed Bell with his work-rate.

Striker Jason Parish is just six goals away from his total of 18 last season, with an eye-opening 12 goals in six appearances already this term, including two hat-tricks.

And fellow attacker Chaz Gardender has also demonstrated similar prolificacy, with nine goals in seven games.

At the other end of the pitch former Portsmouth youth keeper Dean Harris has kept five clean sheets in the eight matches so far.

Bell also hailed the performances of former Saints youngsters Blu Boam and Jamie White.

The new boss reserved special mention to the members behind the scenes that have developed their ground at Langstone Harbour Sports Ground – now close to being Wessex standard with floodlights planned.

"There's so many people working hard, day and night," he said.

"The likes of Karen Tyrell and Yvonne Fradgley-Smith have done brilliant work."



Making a return...

NEIL Warnock was this week re-appointed Crystal Palace manager, returning to the club where he was in charge from 2007 to 2010.

The 65-year-old turned the team from relegation candidates to promotion contenders during his first stint but they lost to Bristol City in the 2008 play-offs. Warnock left after Palace went into administration.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at the fortunes of managers who have returned to their old clubs.

Jose Mourinho

After a hugely successful spell three-year spell in charge ended in September 2007, Mourinho hopped from Inter Milan to Real Madrid before returning to Stamford Bridge in 2013. His first stint in charge brought two Premier League titles, two League Cups and an FA Cup. In his first season back in England, Mourinho guided the Blues to the semi-finals of the Champions League and third in the Premier League after a late dip ended their title challenge.

Kenny Dalglish

Dalglish began as a player-manager and during his first spell in charge led the Reds to three league titles and two FA Cups while admirably guiding the club through the harrowing aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster. He resigned on February 22, 1991 but returned to manage the club in January 2011 on a caretaker basis and, after guiding Liverpool to sixth in the league, was given the job permanently in May. Despite winning the League Cup, poor results coupled with criticism of his handling of the Luis Suarez racism affair were followed by his sacking in May 2012 after an eighth-placed finish.

Kevin Keegan

Keegan wore his heart on his sleeve as manager of Newcastle. First time around, he spurred the club on to promotion into the top flight and challenges for the Premier League trophy. Newcastle missed out on the 1995/96 title to Manchester United by four points, having been at one stage in a commanding position. Keegan's return to the post in January 2008 proved far less bountiful as the Magpies failed to win any of their opening eight games. He fell out with chairman Mike Ashley over transfer policy, leaving the club in September.

Steve McClaren

McClaren found the England job too tall an order but flourished afterwards with Dutch side FC Twente, leading them to the Eredivisie title in his second year. He was snapped up by Wolfsburg, but struggled to replicate the success he had in Holland. Further strife at Nottingham Forest saw him leave and in January 2012 he returned to Twente, but success was more difficult to come by second time around and he lasted barely a year before resigning.

Howard Kendall

Popular at Everton from his playing days, Kendall's stock rose further during a six-year spell in charge. Kendall's team landed two First Division titles, one FA Cup and a European Cup Winners' Cup before leaving in 1987. The lure of Goodison Park saw Kendall return in 1990, but he left after a humdrum three years, only to be offered the job again in August 1997. Everton avoided relegation on the final day of the 1997-98 season and Kendall departed the hot-seat for the last time.

Saints Spotlight

LONG AIMING FOR

SHANE Long will be aiming to beat his best ever Premier League seasonal goal tally after signing for Saints for £12m.

The Republic of Ireland international twice scored eight goals in a top flight campaign for West Bromwich Albion.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at Long's seasonal record since he made his debut for Reading back in the 2005/06 season.

2005/06

Long made his debut for the Royals in December 2005, coming on as a sub in a 2-0 home win over Leicester in the Championship.

He scored his first competition goal for the club in his second sub appearance, coming on in the 70th minute at Derby and netting an 88th minute equaliser in a 2-2 draw.

Long ended the season, which saw Reading stroll to the Championship title with a record 106 points, with one start and 10 sub outings.

He scored two more goals – coming on as a 72nd minute sub at home to Derby and netting in the 74th and 83rd minutes of a 5-0 victory.

His chances were limited by the form of Kevin Doyle and Dave Kitson, who both scored 18 league goals, while Leroy Lita bagged 11.

Long also scored on his first FA Cup start, in a 1-1 draw with Birmingham.

2006/07

Long scored twice in nine Premier League starts, plus a further 12 sub appearances.

After failing to score in his opening 11 top flight games, he finally broke his duck by opening the scoring in a 3-1 home win over Sheffield United in January 2007.

Ten days later, in Reading's next game, he scored again in a 3-2 home victory over Wigan.

Long also scored two cup goals – one in the League Cup, in a 4-3 loss at Anfield, and another in an FA Cup

win over Burnley.

He made his Republic of Ireland senior international debut in February 2007, in a European Championship qualifier in San Marino.

2007/08

Long appeared in 29 of Reading's 38 Premier League games, scoring just three times as the Royals suffered relegation.

His first goal came in a remarkable 7-4 loss at Portsmouth in September, the highest scoring Premier League game in history.

NEW SIGNING: Shane Long in action against Millwall.

Long netted the winner in his next outing, a 2-1 home win over Newcastle, but then had to wait until March for his third and final league goal of the season in a 2-0 home success against Manchester City.

2008/09

Back in the Championship, Long scored nine times in 11 starts and 29 sub appearances.

One of those goals was an 84th minute leveller at St Mary's in a 1-1 draw against Jan Poortvliet's struggling

Saints just after Christmas 2008.

Long also struck twice in a 2-2 home draw against Charlton and got both goals in a 2-0 win at Norwich.

2009/10

It took Long 15 games to score his first goal of 2009/10 – but it was worth the wait.

The striker bagged Reading's extra time winner in an FA Cup third round replay success at Anfield.

He then struck seven

Saints Spotlight



Did You Know?

Shock tactics

MK Dons sent shock waves around the footballing world this week with their 4-0 thrashing of Manchester United in the Capital One Cup.

It is undoubtedly the stand-out result in the Dons' short history and here the *Sports Pink* picks out some interesting facts about the League One giant killers.

MK Dons have been playing under their current moniker since 2004. Their first match was a 1-1 draw with Barnsley in League One at the National Hockey Centre.

Izale McLeod scored for the Dons that day and went on to become the club's all-time top scorer. The 29-year-old scored 71 goals during two spells with the club.

Dean Lewington is the only player to have started MK Dons' first ever match as well as their Capital One Cup tie with Manchester United.

Lewington has made more appear-



MAN OF THE MATCH:

Two-goal Will Grigg after MK Dons' thrashing of Manchester United.

ances than any player in the club's history and was rewarded with a testimonial match against Nottingham Forest in the summer.

The defeat of United was not the first time MK Dons have got the better of Premier League opponents, as last year they beat QPR 4-2 in the FA Cup fourth round at Loftus Road.

The south stand at stadium:mk is affectionately known as the Cowshed by Dons fans in honour of the well-known concrete cows situated in Milton Keynes.

stadium:mk was one of the potential hosts in England's failed bid for the 2018 World Cup and will host matches at next year's Rugby World Cup.

Paul Ince has had two spells at the MK Dons helm, leading the club to its first ever title, the 2008 Football League Trophy.

Football arrived in Milton Keynes long before the MK Dons, with Wolverton Town founded in 1877.

England cricketer Darren Gough, badminton world champion Gail Emms and boxing great Frank Bruno are amongst the notable MK Dons fans, according to the club's supporters' association.

A PREMIER BEST

Saints striker wants to top best goal tally

times in a six-game league and cup spell, including two goals in a Championship win against Plymouth and both goals in a 4-2 home FA Cup loss to Aston Villa.

In the middle of that purple patch Long received his second red card of the season in an FA Cup tie against West Bromwich Albion.

Long ended the season with six Championship goals in 22 starts plus nine off the bench.

2010/11

This was Long's breakthrough season in many ways, plundering 21 Championship goals for Reading in 44 starts and winning a £6.5m move to West Bromwich Albion the following summer as a result.

Long started slowly, scoring just twice in his first 12 league games of the campaign, but then embarked on a great run in front of goal.

He struck doubles against Derby, Bristol City and Burnley in a prolific five-game spell, and was a regular marksman thereafter as the Royals surged into the promotion frame.

After Brian McDermott's men had qualified for the play offs, Long struck twice in a semi final second leg win at Cardiff to take the Berkshire club to Wembley.

There his promotion dream was shattered in a 4-2 loss to Swansea City.

But Long didn't have to wait too long to get his top flight chance, as he joined West Brom a few weeks later.

2011/12

Long made a superb start to his Baggies career, scoring on his league debut on the opening day against Manchester United at The Hawthorns.

There was no winning start, though, as United triumphed 2-1.

Long also scored in his second game for the club, opening the scoring at Stamford Bridge - only for Chelsea to hit back and also win 2-1.

Long ended the season with eight Premier League goals in 24 starts plus eight off the bench, including a winner at home to Bolton.

2012/13

Long again scored eight Premier League goals for the Baggies, this time from 25 starts plus nine off the bench.

He was on target in a 2-1 home win over Chelsea and also scored when West Brom won 3-0 at St Mary's in April 2013, when Saints had Danny Fox and Gaston Ramirez both sent off.

Long ended the season with 13 goals for club and country, netting twice in a League Cup win at Yeovil and finishing his campaign by scoring for the Republic of Ireland in a 1-1 friendly draw with England at Wembley.

2013/14

Long failed to score in his first 11 games of the season for club and country before ending his drought with a goal in West Brom's draw with Chelsea.

He then netted for Ireland in a victory over Latvia, before scoring twice for the Baggies in a 2-2 derby draw with Aston Villa.

After just three goals for his club in 11 starts and three sub appearances, Long left The Hawthorns to sign for Hull City in a £7m deal last January.

His last game for the Baggies saw him booked in a 1-0 loss at St Mary's when Adam Lallana scored Saints' winner.

Long made an instant impact for Hull, scoring in his second game - a 1-1 draw against Tottenham - and also scoring in his third, a 2-0 win at Sunderland.

Unsurprisingly, given the nature of football, Long then scored against West Brom in a 2-0 win and was later on target in a draw at Fulham, ending his first Tigers season with four Premier League goals from 15 starts.

Even though he only played for the club for half a season, that total still saw him end as the club's joint top Premier League marksman alongside another January arrival, Nikica Jelavic.

2014/15

Just before the start of the season, Long was on the move for the second time in 2014 - this time joining Saints for a whopping £12m.

He arrived at St Mary's with a league record of 67 goals from 170 starts plus 100 sub appearances.

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Saints Spotlight



Wayne's England highlights

WAYNE Rooney was named England captain this week. Here, the Sports Pink looks at five of the striker's best games for his country.

October 11, 2003 - England 2 Denmark 3

Rooney, then an 18-year-old Evertonian, gave Manchester United fans a glimpse of his potential with a stunning goal against the Danes at Old Trafford. The striker raced from the halfway line past two markers before firing in off the underside of the crossbar from 20 yards.

June 17, 2004 - England 3 Switzerland 0

Rooney became the youngest scorer in the history of the European Championship with a fine brace against the Swiss. The striker peeled off his marker to head home Michael Owen's cross and in the second half he belted a low shot past Jorg Stiel at his near post.



June 21, 2004 - Croatia 2 England 4

England needed just a draw to qualify for the second round, but they went behind to Niko Kovac's early strike. Paul Scholes equalised and Rooney then swung the game beyond Croatia with a 25-yard drive and another goal on the counter-attack.

November 12, 2005 - Argentina 2 England 3

Rooney played a big part in one of England's most entertaining and satisfying friendly wins in recent memory. Rooney timed his run to perfection to drive home David Beckham's flick-on and level the game following Hernan Crespo's opener. The striker's energy tired the Argentina defence and England came out on top thanks to two late goals from Michael Owen.

June 19, 2012: England 1 Ukraine 0

After sitting out the first two matches of Euro 2012 due to suspension, Rooney delivered on his return, bundling home at the back post to send England through to the second round.

WILL SPENDING

Transfer money well spent...

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AS we enter the final few days of the 2014 summer transfer window, only five Premier League clubs have spent more money than Saints.

Ronald Koeman has splashed out almost £50m to bring in Shane Long, Dusan Tadic, Fraser Forster, Pelle and Florin Gardos.

If he wants to make the loan moves of Ryan Bertrand and Saphir Taider permanent, that will cost him another £10m plus.

And Koeman might not have finished his initial wave of rebuilding just yet.

By the time the transfer window slams shut early next week, the Saints boss could have added to the biggest spending spree in the club's history.

Only Liverpool, Manchester United, Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal have spent more this summer – and they are the five biggest clubs in the top flight.

Of course, it has to be pointed out early on here, Saints have more money than ever to spend.

Not only did they bank almost £77m from Premier League tv and prize money at the end of 2013/14, the coffers were further swelled by the incredible summer exodus.

Saints banked the best part of £50m from Liverpool for Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Rickie Lambert, plus a further £27m from Manchester United for Luke Shaw and around £16m from Arsenal for Callum Chambers.

That's almost £90m received for just five players, plus the near £77m in television and prize money.

No surprise, therefore, that the club were quick to embark on their massive spending spree.

Massive by their standards, anyway.

Since returning to the Premier League in the summer of 2012, Saints have shelled out well over £100m on new players.

It is a remarkable statistic that sums up the cash-rich madness of the English top flight.

For those of us that can remember, it doesn't seem all that long ago that Newcastle shattered the English transfer record to buy ex-Saint Alan Shearer for a then world record £15m.

It was the summer of 1996, 18 years ago.

Eye brows were raised and critics asked 'where will it all end?'

Well, the madness shows no signs of ending just yet.

Far from it. Saints had to pay £12m to

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bring in a striker, Long, who has never scored more than eight goals in a Premier League season.

That is not so much a criticism of the player himself, more a damning indictment of the financial farce which is the English top flight.

It is worth asking the question again: where will it all end?

£27m for an 18-year-old full back with less than two seasons Premier League experience!

There was absolutely no way Saints could turn down that sort of fee for Luke Shaw, even if the player had wanted to stay at St Mary's.

Once upon a time £16m bought you one of Europe's top strikers at the peak of his powers (Shearer post-Euro 96).

Now it gets you a 19-year-old Saints right back who was not even a regular in the side

last term.

With those sort of eye-popping transfer figures now commonplace in the Premier League, to sign England's No 2 goalkeeper, Fraser Forster, for 'just' £10m seems a great piece of business by Saints.

Liverpool and Manchester United have spent over £100m each this summer.

The former obviously have cash to spend following the sale of Luis Suarez, while David Moyes will be wondering how life would have turned out had the



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SPREE PAY OFF?



NEW FACES: Florin Gardos is unveiled as a Saints player and, above, Fraser Forster.

Manchester United board backed him in the same way they have Louis Van Gaal.

This is the way of the world now in the English top flight.

A club, Liverpool, can spend over £100m and not be guaranteed to finish in the Champions League places.

In a way, that is great for the game. It shows that money cannot buy you success.

But for the Premier League as a whole, it is bad news.

The top clubs have the biggest wealth and the biggest squads.

The elite clubs can loan out entire teams of players and still be left with hugely expensive options everywhere.

How are clubs like Saints, Aston Villa and Newcastle supposed to compete with the spending power of Liverpool, Chelsea, the Manchester clubs, and Arsenal?

They cannot.

As for Saints, they now have a squad packed with highly expensive purchases.

Forster, Long, Gardos, Victor Wanyama, Tadic, Gaston Ramirez, Pelle and Jay

Rodriguez all cost at least £6m.

Not bad going for a club which three and a half years ago was still playing in the third division.

Prior to the arrival of Rodriguez from Burnley in the summer of 2012, Saints' record buy had been Rory Delap at £4.1m in 2001.

Delap's arrival, just as the club moved from The Dell to St Mary's, was supposed to herald in a fresh new era at the club.

Despite an eighth placed league finish and FA Cup final appearance in 2003, that new era never really happened.

Indeed, within two years, Saints were in the Championship.

The problem then was that, under Rupert Lowe, the club didn't really spend enough on new players to replace the likes of Wayne Bridge and James Beattie.

That argument cannot be levelled at Ronald Koeman.

Yes, he has lost four key players and a promising full back.

But he has brought in seven players – all of whom can be considered first team material given their backgrounds and experience.

The Saints board have backed their new manager in the transfer market.

We can confidently make that statement even before the transfer window closes, and without knowing if Saints' summer spending spree has yet to finish.

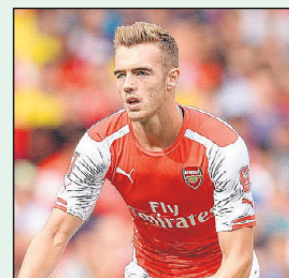
The next new era?

MANAGER Roy Hodgson this week made some major changes to his England squad for the friendly against Norway and the opening Euro 2016 qualifier against Switzerland next month as he reacts to an early World Cup exit.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at his latest crop of new faces.

Calum Chambers (Arsenal, 19)

Another defender who can play both in the centre and on the right, he moved to Arsenal from Saints in the summer after playing a major part in the Saints' success last season. Chambers, below, was expected to have a limited role at the Emirates but has started four of the Gunners' five games so far this term.



Danny Rose (Tottenham, 24)

The left-back looked to have made his breakthrough at Spurs in the 2011/12 season but was shipped out to Sunderland on loan for the following campaign and impressed in the north east. He returned to White Hart Lane and was installed as first-choice left-back and, despite a foot injury seeing him miss three months of the 2013/14 campaign, he was rewarded with a new five-year deal.

Fabian Delph (Aston Villa, 24)

A former Leeds youngster, Delph was snapped up by Villa in 2009 after an impressive season at Elland Road. A cruciate ligament injury curtailed his Premier League progress and he had a spell back at Leeds on loan before the arrival of Paul Lambert at Villa Park in 2012 saw him establish himself as an essential player in the middle of the park.

Jack Colback (Newcastle, 24)

Joined Newcastle in the summer in a controversial move after coming through the youth ranks and beginning his professional career at fierce rivals Sunderland. The midfielder got his first taste of senior football with a season on loan at Ipswich in 2009/10 and, after another spell at Portman Road during the following campaign, became a regular for the Black Cats. He has started both league games for Newcastle this season.

John Stones (Everton, 20)

The former Barnsley defender has very limited England experience after playing against Peru and Ecuador when he served as a back-up member of the squad prior to the World Cup. Primarily a centre-half but also able to operate at right-back, he signed a new five-year deal with Everton earlier this month after making a major impact last season and looks set for a long career for both club and country.

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Another tough tie in cup

SAINTS' reward for beating Millwall in the Capital One Cup is another tough away tie, this time to fellow Premier League outfit Arsenal.

Ronald Koeman will pit his wits against the division's longest-serving manager Arsene Wenger when his side return to London next month for the third round tie.

But while Saints have already shown they are taking the competition seriously by fielding a strong line-up in the 2-0 victory over Millwall on Tuesday night, their opponents may have other priorities after successfully negotiating their way into the group stages of the Champions League this week.

History, though, is certainly against Saints.

In 42 league and cup games at either Highbury or The Emirates,



GOAL: Graziano Pelle completes Saints' 2-0 win at Millwall on Tuesday.

Saints have won just twice.

That was a 3-0 win in 1968, on only their second league visit to Highbury, and a 1-0 success in November 1987 when Danny Wallace scored.

The last time Saints travelled to Arsenal for a cup tie was in the fourth round of the League Cup in November 1985.

On that occasion Chris Nicholl's men drew 0-0, only to lose the replay 3-1 at The Dell.

Saints have only ever reached the League Cup final once since the tournament's inception in the early 1960s.

That was in 1979, when they lost 3-2 to Nottingham Forest.

The last time Saints reached the semi finals was in 1986/87 when they lost a two-legged tie to Liverpool.

CAPITAL ONE CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

Chelsea v Bolton
Arsenal v SAINTS
West Brom v Hull
Crystal Palace v Newcastle
Leyton Orient v Sheff Utd
Cardiff v Bournemouth
Sunderland v Stoke, Derby v Reading
Liverpool v Middlesbrough
MK Dons v Bradford
Man City v Sheff Wed
Burton v Brighton
Swansea v Everton
Shrewsbury v Norwich
Fulham v Doncaster
Tottenham v Nottm Forest.

Ties to be played on September 23-24.

CUP SHOWS RON



Adam Rant



This week's big talking points with **Adam Leitch**

RONALD Koeman has proved himself plenty savvy enough since taking charge of Saints, and his stance towards the Capital One Cup is yet further proof that he is very switched on.

The general trend not only amongst recent Saints managers but across the top two divisions in English football has been to treat the League Cup as little more than a reserve team competition.

With the traditional reserve leagues now scrapped, it is seen as the perfect chance to have a look at some of the fringe players and promising youngsters in a competitive environment.

It also allows the chance to field

whoever you want, not constrained by the three overage players rule that dominates in the under-21 league.

There is not all that much money to be made from the competition, certainly compared to the Premier League, hence why it is isn't taken very seriously by clubs in general, but there is an often overlooked chance of glory.

If there is one thing you can guarantee about football fans, it's that the chance to win some silverware and have a day out at Wembley will be very much appreciated.

It is these

big days that mean everything to supporters across the country.

These are the days that live long in the memory.

Finishing eighth in the top flight is soon forgotten compared to actually winning something.

Look at Saints, and their most successful manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Mention his name to any fan they will almost certainly start talking about the FA Cup in 1976.

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course a fantastic achievement, given that Saints were at that time in the second division, but it was nothing compared to McMenemy guiding such an unfashionable club to second place in the top flight.

That piece of work was an act of pure magic, and executed over a very long and difficult year rather than the space of just a few games, and yet it almost seems to pale in comparison.

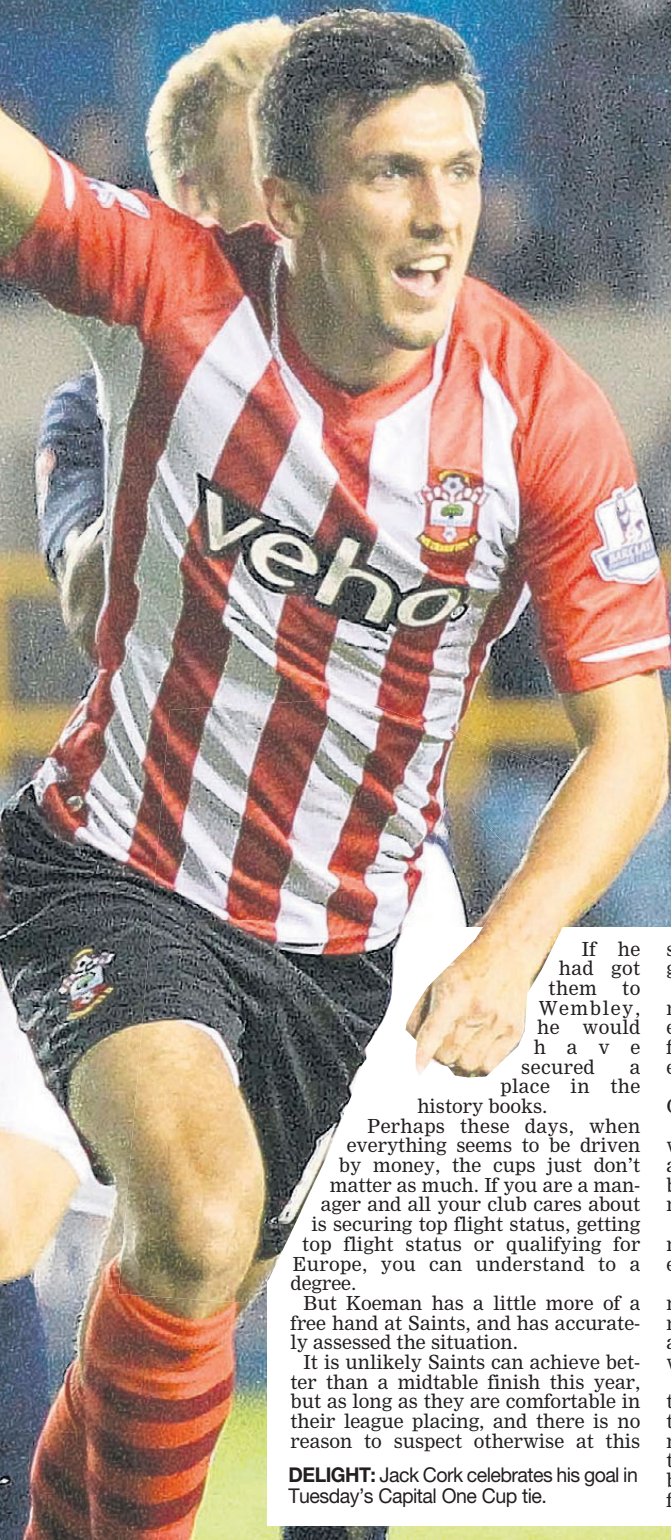
Last year Mauricio Pochettino got a huge amount of stick for his decision to field a weakened side in the FA Cup against Sunderland.

With all due respect to Pochettino, his achievements in finishing eighth with Saints in the Premier League will be largely forgotten in time.



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If he had got them to Wembley, he would have secured a place in the history books.

Perhaps these days, when everything seems to be driven by money, the cups just don't matter as much. If you are a manager and all your club cares about is securing top flight status, getting top flight status or qualifying for Europe, you can understand to a degree.

But Koeman has a little more of a free hand at Saints, and has accurately assessed the situation.

It is unlikely Saints can achieve better than a midtable finish this year, but as long as they are comfortable in their league placing, and there is no reason to suspect otherwise at this

DELIGHT: Jack Cork celebrates his goal in Tuesday's Capital One Cup tie.

stage, then the cups offer a chance of glory.

Ask any fan whether they would rather get knocked out of the cups early and finish ninth, or get to a cup final and finish 12th, and pretty much every single one will go for the latter.

Koeman also knows that the League Cup is a great one to target.

It's largely played early in the season when the players are still fresh, and is a better chance because some of the big clubs still treat the FA Cup with a modicum of respect.

The League Cup, however, they do not, and so for a club like Saints it is an eminently winnable prize.

Of course this is football and it might not work out, but he is absolutely correct to give it a go, and in picking such a strong team to take on Millwall last week he made a clear statement.

It was yet another impressive move that reflects very well on him and further the early impression that he might well be a very good manager for this club, because he is taking the trouble to understand what it means to the fans, and not just what's in it for him.

Crystal clear?

IT'S hard to imagine Crystal Palace progressing too much as a club under Neil Warnock, but at least they should retain their Premier League status, and really for them that is all that matters.

Clubs such as Palace are in a difficult position in some ways.

They are never going to go far beyond their relegation battler status at top flight level without some kind of seismic change in their financial situation.

Just to stay in the top flight is a result in itself.

When they appointed Tony Pulis it looked like a possible master-stroke because he is an expert at doing exactly that, and so it proved once more.

Now they have appointed Warnock as his successor.

You know what you will get with him.

He isn't likely to introduce some continental style of play or try and experiment with different things but he knows what it is to put a team together who can stay up.

Ultimately for Palace, it may not be exactly the stuff dreams are made of but it's what they need.



United crumble

IF any more evidence were needed that Manchester United's woes last season were not the fault of David Moyes then look no further than the start of this campaign.

United have been utterly shocking under Louis van Gaal.

It all goes to rather show the folly of binning Moyes so quickly.

The guy inherited a crumbling side from Alex Ferguson, and it needed a complete overhaul.

United are only just starting to get to grips without now, but even so their summer activity is not enough.

They needed a clear out, and then a big injection of fresh blood.

In appointing Van Gaal, who first had to see out his World Cup commitments, they have sacrificed so much of that time when they might have worked on exactly that and are again trying to piece little bits together.

He and they will get it together eventually, they are too big and have too much money not to, but those fans who thought this was down to Moyes were wrong then, and must surely be realising that now.

BOOK of the WEEK

Race Against the Stasi
By Herbie Sykes

Sports book of the month
price: £12.60 saving £6.40 on rrp

Can it really be twenty five years since the Berlin Wall was torn down, live on TV, without a shot fired in anger?

Incredibly, the anniversary of the day Communism was dismantled before our eyes by a people suppressed and cowed by a brutal regime will be celebrated on November 9.

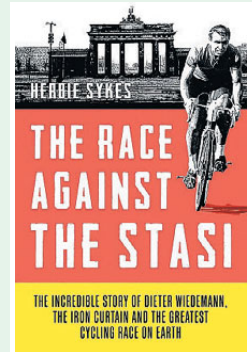
At the heart of East Germany's remorseless suppression of its own people was the notorious Stasi, a murderous organisation responsible for quashing all opponents of the state, a brief which often meant recruiting children to spy on their parents, a chilling, real-life enactment of a horror described in George Orwell's 1984.

Race Against the Stasi is the true story of cyclist Dieter Weidemann and his nerve-racking defection which caused uproar in 1964.

Though a bona fide sports book, at times it reads like a John Le Carré thriller.

Weidemann was feted in East Germany, a sportsman who recorded a podium finish in The Peace Race, the Eastern Bloc's equivalent of the Tour de France.

Like Soviet Russia, the Stasi used



sport as an effective tool to glorify East Germany's version of Communism, often doping those capable of competing on the world stage to prove Socialism's apparent supremacy over the West.

Weidemann's outstanding ability as a cyclist ensured he was an unwitting pawn in this deception, even though he disagreed with the Stasi's ideology.

But Weidemann had fallen in love with Sylvia Hermann, a girl who lived on the other side of the Wall.

The Stasi, whose records are produced here in English for the first time, maintained that such a love was impossible - Hermann was a 'class enemy', yet prior to a qualification race for the 1964 Olympics, scheduled to be held in West Germany, Weidemann plotted his escape.

Weidemann was motivated by his love for Sylvia and his determination to participate in the Tour de France, an ambition he eventually realised as the Stasi persecuted and tortured the family he left behind.

Race Against the Stasi is a genuinely gripping, real-life tale of love in the Cold War, of extreme cruelty, kindness and a man motivated to take part in the world's greatest cycle race.

Great stuff.

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Arsenal

In: Alexis Sanchez (Barcelona) £35m, Mathieu Debuchy (Newcastle) Undisclosed, David Ospina (Nice) £3m, Calum Chambers (Southampton) £16m
 Out: Lukasz Fabianski (Swansea City) Free, Bacary Sagna (Manchester City) Free, Thomas Eisfeld (Fulham) Undisclosed, Benik Afobe (MK Dons) Loan, Nicklas Bendtner (Wolfsburg) Free, Jon Toral (Brentford) Loan, Thomas Vermaelen (Barcelona) £15m.
 Released: Chuks Aneke, Chu Young Park.

Aston Villa

In: Tom Leggett (Saints) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Saints) Free, Philippe Senderos (Valencia) Free, Joe Cole (West Ham) Free, Kieran Richardson (Fulham) Undisclosed, Carlos Sanchez (Elche) £4.5m, Aly Cissokho (Valencia) Undisclosed.
 Out: Marc Albrighton (Leicester City) Free, Nicklas Helenius (Aalborg) Loan, Yacouba Sylla (Erciyesspor) Loan, Samir Carruthers (MK Dons) Undisclosed, Antonio Luna (Verona) Loan, Jed Steer (Doncaster) Loan, Joe Bennett (Brighton) Loan, Janoi Donacien (Tranmere) Loan, Aleksander Toney (Celtic) Loan, Daniel Johnson (Chesterfield) Loan.
 Released: Nathan Delfounes.

Burnley

In: Michaelightly (Stoke) undisclosed, Matt Gilks (Blackpool) Free, Steven Reid (WBA) Free, Lukas Jutkiewicz (Middlesbrough) £1.5m, Stephen Ward (Wolves) Undisclosed.
 Out: Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth) Free, Chris Baird (WBA) Free.
 Released - David Edgar, Brian Stock, Keith Treacy, Nick Liversedge.

Chelsea

In: Cesc Fabregas (Barcelona) £27m, Diego Costa (Athletic Madrid) £32m, Mario Pasalic (Hadjuk Split) Undisclosed, Filipe Luis (Athletic Madrid) £15.8m, Didier Drogba (Galatasaray) Free.
 Out: Tomas Kalas (Cologne) Loan, Wallace (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Sam Hutchinson (Sheff Wed) Free, Ashley Cole (Roma) Free, Bertrand Traore (Vitesse) Loan, Thorgan Hazard (Borussia Monchengladbach) Loan, Demba Ba (Besiktas) £4.7m, David Luiz (Paris SG) Unconfirmed, Romelu Lukaku (Everton) £28m, Patrick van Aanholt (Sunderland) Undisclosed, Ryan Bertrand (Southampton) Loan, Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough), Frank Lampard (New York) Free, Oriol Romeu (Stuttgart) Loan, John Swift (Rotherham) Loan, Marko Marin (Fiorentina) Loan, Josh McEachran (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Victor Moses (Stoke) Loan, Christian Atsu (Everton) Loan, Billy Clifford (Walsall) Free.
 Released: Samuel Eto'o, Henrique Hilario, Mark Schwarzer.

Crystal Palace

In: Chris Kettings (Blackpool) Free, Fraizer Campbell (Cardiff) £900,000, Brede Hangeland (Fulham) Free, Martin Kelly (Liverpool) Undisclosed.
 Out: Kagisho Dikgacoi (Cardiff City) Free, Dean Moxey (Bolton) Free, Aaron Wilbraham (Bristol City) Free, Jonathan Parr (Ipswich) Free, Alex Wynter (Pompey) Loan, Kwesi Appiah (Cambridge United) Loan, Jack Hunt (Nottingham Forest) Loan, Jose Campana (Sampdoria) Undisclosed, Osman Sow (Hearts) Free.
 Released: Neil Alexander, Marouane Chamakh, Daniel Gabbidon.

Everton

In: Gareth Barry (Manchester City) Free, Romelu Lukaku (Chelsea) £28m, Brendan Galloway (MK Dons) Undisclosed, Christian Atsu (Chelsea) Loan.
 Out: Magaye Gueye (Millwall) Free, John Lundstram (Blackpool) Loan, Matthew Kennedy (Hibernian) Loan.
 Released - Mason Springthorpe, Apostolos Vellios.

Hull City

In: Jake Livermore (Tottenham) £8m, Robert Snodgrass (Norwich) £7m, Tom Ince (Blackpool, tribunal), Harry Maguire (Sheffield United) £2.5m, Andrew Robertson (Dundee United) £2.85m

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SUMMER SPENDING

THE 2014 transfer window slams shut next Monday, and as always it promises to be a hectic finale to a remarkable summer of spending.

The elite clubs have splashed the cash in the last few months like never before.

Only this week Manchester United broke the British transfer record by spending almost £60m on Angel Di Maria from Real Madrid.

That means United have paid out over £100m on just three players this summer, while Liverpool have also spent £100m plus.

Chelsea and Manchester City have also paid out over £50m, while Arsenal coughed up £35m to sign striker Alexis Sanchez.

For their part, Saints are the sixth highest spenders in the entire Premier League.

They have paid almost £50m to bring in Shane Long, Dusan Tadic, Fraser Forster, Graziano Pelle and Florin Gardos, and boss Ronald Koeman wants to spend more before the window shuts.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at where each Premier League club has strengthened so far.

ARSENAL

Arsene Wenger made Alexis Sanchez the club's second most expensive player ever this summer.

And the Chilean has already started to repay his handsome fee, scoring the only goal to take the Gunners through to the Champions League group stages for the 17th season running.

There is talk Wenger will sign another striker, after seeing Olivier Giroud ruled out for several months after ankle surgery.

But the manager seems happy with what he has.

As well as Sanchez, Wenger also has Yaya Sanogo, Joel Campbell and Lukas Podolski at his dispos-

al, while ex-Saint Theo Walcott is another option in attack although he is also currently injured.

Wenger spent around £16m in July to sign Saints teenager Calum Chambers, whose impressive early season performances have won him a place in the senior England squad to face Norway soon.

ASTON VILLA

ASTON Villa have not been big spenders in the summer window as manager Paul Lambert works on a retracted budget.

Villa are up for sale, and it could be another season in the bottom half for the club who have finished 15th

twice and 17th in the last three seasons.

Lambert has completed deals for the likes of Carlos Sanchez, Joe Cole, Philippe Senderos and Aly Cissokho this summer, but more quality is obviously needed.

Lambert is, however, aware that he cannot force the issue.

With owner Randy Lambert putting the club up for sale, funds will only be released for players who will make a telling contribution.

Lambert said on his plans and the strength of his squad: "If we can do something that is financially good for the club and is the right move as



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That does not seem
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REACHES NEW HIGH



TUSSLE: Dusan Tadic in action for Saints against Liverpool in the opening game of the season.

then I'd speak with and see what he thinks. When Christian and Libor Kozak come forward line is going to ng."

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their opening games,

though a home defeat to Chelsea was no real shock so Dyche has no need to hit any panic buttons just yet. But it's obvious that the Clarets could do with some high quality signings. With Sam Vokes still out with a cruciate knee injury, much rests on another ex-Cherries striker, Danny Ings.

Ings was a sensation in the Championship last season, and it will be fascinating to see whether the England U21 international can be a success in the Premier League.

The same goes for Southampton-born Lukas Jutkiewicz, a £1.5m signing from Middlesbrough.

Jutkiewicz, 25, has never been a prolific

scorer in his career, with only 11 goals in 64 Championship outings for Boro after a £1.3m move to the Riverside.

He did, though, net seven times in 20 games on loan to Bolton in the second tier last term.

Prior to this season, Jutkiewicz had never played in the Premier League so his signing has to go down as a gamble.

CHELSEA

JOSE Mourinho has spent over £70m this summer on three players.

Spanish international striker Diego Costa has arrived after scoring over 30 goals for

Atletico Madrid last season.

Costa has wasted no time adapting to the Premier League, scoring in his first two league games.

Filipe Luis was also signed from Atletico after helping them win La Liga last season and come within seconds of lifting the Champions League crown as well.

Goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois is now Chelsea's first choice after spending the last three seasons alongside Costa and Luis in Spain, raising question marks as to Petr Cech's future.

Ex-Arsenal midfielder Cesc Fabregas was another costly addition at £27m.

The last few hours of the transfer window could see Fernando Torres leave Stamford Bridge.

CRYSTAL PALACE

Neil Warnock wasted no time making a signing after returning to Crystal Palace earlier this week.

He completed the signing of Manchester United winger Wilfried Zaha on a season-long loan deal.

Zaha returned to Palace after just two appearances for United, despite costing the Old Trafford club £15million in January 2013.

The 21-year-old becomes Warnock's first signing in his second stint in the Selhurst Park hotseat.

Ivory Coast-born Zaha made more than 100 appearances in three years at Crystal Palace, progressing through the junior ranks at Selhurst Park.

Zaha signed for United in 2013, but was then loaned back to the Eagles.

The 21-year-old was only able to muster two appearances for the Old Trafford outfit last term under then-boss David Moyes.

Do not be surprised to see Warnock making more signings on Monday.

EVERTON

The Toffees shattered their own transfer record this summer to sign Romelu Lukaku from Chelsea for £28m.

The 21-year-old spent an impressive season on loan at Goodison Park in 2013/14, netting 15 Premier League goals in 31 games.

That followed an equally fine loan spell at West Bromwich Albion in 2012/13, which saw 17 goals in 35 top flight games.

Boss Roberto Martinez has also made the loan signing of Gareth Barry permanent, and brought in Chelsea's Ghanaian winger Christian Atsu, 22, on a season long loan.

Atsu signed for Chelsea from Porto last summer but has yet to play for the Blues, instead spending last season on loan at Dutch club Vitesse Arnhem.

Martinez has kept the squad which impressed last season and added to it, so his transfer window signings might be complete.



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Out: Matty Fryatt (Nottingham Forest) Free, Conor Henderson (Crawley) Free, Cameron Stewart (Ipswich) Free, Mark Oxley (Hibernian) Loan, Robert Koren (Melbourne City) Free, Shane Long (Saints) £12m.
Released: Joe Dudgeon, Abdoulaye Faye, Eldin Jakupovic.

Leicester City

In: Jack Bamby (Manchester United) Free, Matthew Upson (Brighton and Hove Albion) Free, Ben Hamer (Charlton Athletic) Free, Marc Albrighton (Aston Villa) Free, Leonardo Ulloa (Brighton) £8m, Louis Rowley (Manchester United) Free
Out: George Taft (Burton Albion) Free, Lloyd Dyer (Watford) Free, Zac Whitbread (Derby) Free, Paul Gallagher (Preston) Loan, Ben Frenn (Ross County) Free, Conrad Logan (Rochdale) Loan.
Released: Marko Futacs.

Liverpool

In: Rickie Lambert (Saints) Undisclosed, Adam Lallana (Saints) £25m, Emre Can (Bayer Leverkusen) £10m, Lazar Markovic (Benfica) £20m, Dejan Lovren (Saints) £20m, Divick Origi (Lille) £10m, Javier Manquillo (Atletico Madrid) Loan, Alberto Moreno (Sevilla) £12m.
Out: Luis Alberto (Malaga, loan), Jakub Sokolik (Yeovil) Loan, Luis Suarez (Barcelona) £75m, Iago Aspas (Sevilla) Loan, Divick Origi (Lille) Loan, Conor Coady (Huddersfield) Undisclosed, Tiago Ilori (Bordeaux) Loan, Michael Ngoo (Kilmarnock) Free, Joao Carlos Teixeira (Brighton) Loan, Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace) Undisclosed, Pepe Reina (Bayern Munich) Undisclosed, Brad Smith (Swindon) Loan.
Released: Stephen Sama.

Manchester City

In: Bacary Sagna (Arsenal) Free, Fernando (Porto) £12m, Willy Caballero (Malaga) £6m, Frank Lampard (New York) Loan, Eliaquim Mangala (FC Porto) £32m, Bruno Zuculini (Racing Club) Undisclosed.
Out: Jack Rodwell (Sunderland) £10m, Costel Pantilimon (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (WBA) Free, Alex Henshall (Ipswich) Free, Gareth Barry (Everton) Free, Emyr Huws (Wigan) Loan, Andre Wisdom (West Brom) Loan, Reece Wabara (Doncaster) Free, Devante Cole (Barnsley) Loan, Jason Denayer (Celtic) Loan, Javi Garcia (Zenit St Petersburg) £13m, Greg Leigh (Crewe) Loan.
Released: Alex Nimely.

Manchester United

In: Ander Herrera (Athletico Bilbao) £29m, Luke Shaw (Saints) £27m, Marcos Rojo (Sporting Lisbon) £16m.
Out: Federico Macheda (Cardiff City) Free, Jack Bamby (Leicester City) Free, Nemanja Vidic (Inter Milan) Free, Alex Buttner (Dynamo Moscow) £4.4m, Patrice Evra (Juventus) £1.2m, Louis Rowley (Leicester) Free, Rio Ferdinand (QPR) Free, Bebe (Benfica) £2.4m, Nani (Sporting Lisbon) Loan, Angelo Henriquez (Dinamo Zagreb) Loan.
Released: Ryan Giggs.

Newcastle United

In: Ayoze Perez (Tenerife) £1m, Jack Colback (Sunderland) Free, Siem de Jong (Ajax) £8m, Daryl Janmaat (Feyenoord) Undisclosed, Emmanuel Riviere (Monaco) £5m, Facundo Ferreyra (Shakhtar Donetsk) Loan, Karl Darlow (Nottingham Forest) Undisclosed, Jamaal Lascelles (Nottingham Forest) Undisclosed.
Out: Conor Newton (Rotherham United) Free, Dan Gosling (Bournemouth), James Tavernier (Wigan) Undisclosed, Sylvain Marveaux (Guingamp) Loan, Mathieu Dubuchy (Arsenal) Undisclosed, Shola Ameobi (Gaziantep BB) Free, Adam Campbell (Fleetwood) Loan
Released: Michael Richardson.

Queens Park Rangers

In: Steven Caulker (Cardiff) Undisclosed, Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United) Free, Mauricio Isla (Juventus) Loan, Jordan Mutch (Cardiff) £6m, Leroy Fer (Norwich) £8m.

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Out: Tom Hitchcock (MK Dons) Free, Esteban Granero (Real Sociedad) Undisclosed, Gary O'Neil (Norwich) Free, Mo Shariff (Bradford) Non-contract, Joe Lumley (Accrington Stanley) Loan, Julio Cesar (Benfica) Free.

SAINTS

In: Dusan Tadic (FC Twente) £10.9m, Graziano Pelle (Feyenoord) £8m, Ryan Bertrand (Chelsea) Loan, Saphir Taider (Inter Milan) Loan, Florin Gardos (Steaua Bucharest) £6m, Shane Long (Hull) £12m, Fraser Forster (Celtic) £10m.
Out: Andy Robinson (Bolton Wanderers) Free, Tom Leggett (Aston Villa) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Aston Villa) Free, Danny Fox (Nottingham Forest) Free, Rickie Lambert (Liverpool) Undisclosed, Lee Barnard (Southend, free), Adam Lallana (Liverpool) £25m, Luke Shaw (Manchester United) £27m, Dejan Lovren (Liverpool) £20m, Calum Chambers (Arsenal) £12m, Dani Osvaldo (Inter Milan) Loan, Jonathan Forte (Oldham), Billy Sharp (Leeds) Free, Jordan Turnbull (Swindon) Loan.
Released: Guly do Prado.

Stoke City

In: Phil Bardsley (Sunderland) Free, Steve Sidwell (Fulham) Free, Mame Biram Diouf (Hannover) Free, Dionatan Teixeira (Banska Bystrica) Undisclosed, Bojan Krkic (Barcelona) Undisclosed, Victor Moses (Chelsea) Loan
Out: Michael Kightly (Burnley) Undisclosed, Cameron Jerome (Norwich) Undisclosed, Jamie Ness (Crewe) Loan, James Alabi (Accrington) Loan.
Released: Juan Agudelo, Matthew Etherington.

Sunderland

In: Jordi Gomez (Wigan Athletic) Free, Billy Jones (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Costel Pantilimon (Manchester City) Free, Patrick van Aanholt (Chelsea) Undisclosed, Jack Rodwell (Manchester City) £10m, Will Buckley (Brighton) Undisclosed.

Out: Billy Knott (Bradford City) Free, Phil Bardsley (Stoke City) Free, Craig Gardner (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Jack Colback (Newcastle United) Free, John Egan (Gillingham) Free, Kieren Westwood (Sheffield Wed) Free, Jordan Pickford (Bradford) Loan, Ignacio Scocco (Newell's Old Boys) £2.1m, Scott Harrison (Hartlepool) Loan, Carlos Cuellar (Norwich) Free, El-Hadji Ba (Bastia) Loan.
Released: Andrea Dossena, Oscar Ustari, David Vaughan.

Swansea City

In: Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal) Free, Bafetimbi Gomis (Lyon) Free, Marvin Emmes (Middlesbrough) Free, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Jefferson Montero (Monarcas Morelia) Undisclosed, Federico Fernandez (Napoli) Undisclosed.
Out: Ben Davies (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Alejandro Pozuelo (Rayo Vallecano) Undisclosed, Leroy Lita (Barnsley) Free, Chico Flores (Lehliwya SC) Undisclosed.
Released: Jernade Meade, David Ngog, Darnel Situ.

Tottenham Hotspur

In: Ben Davies (Swansea) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Swansea) Undisclosed, Eric Dier (Sporting Lisbon) £4m, DeAndre Yedlin (Seattle) Undisclosed.
Out: Heurelho Gomes (Watford) Free, Jake Livermore (Hull) £8m, Gwion Edwards (Crawley) Undisclosed, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough) Loan, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Swansea) Undisclosed, Alex Pritchard (Brentford) Loan, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough), Jordan Archer (Northampton) Loan, Shaquille Coulthirst (Southend) Loan, Iago Falque (Genoa) Undisclosed.
Released: Cameron Lancaster

West Bromwich Albion

In: Craig Gardner (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (Man City) Free, Chris Baird (Burnley) Free, Andre Wisdom (Liverpool) Loan, Brown Ideye (Dynamo Kiev) £10m, Cristian Gamboa (Rosenborg) Undisclosed, Jason Davidson (Heracles) Undisclosed, Georgios Samaras (Celtic) Free.
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HULL CITY

Tigers boss Steve Bruce has been busy in the transfer market this summer, partly in anticipation of the six additional games the Europa League group stage entails.

His latest signing, Tottenham defender Michael Dawson, was introduced to fans at half-time against Lokeren in the Europa League on Thursday.

And, despite the disappointment of the final result, Uruguay striker Abel Hernandez may not be too far behind.

Hull are awaiting a work permit hearing for the Palermo player, lined up as Saints striker Shane Long's replacement after Blackburn rebuffed interest in Jordan Rhodes.

"Things are advancing quickly, we have to get work permits and bits and pieces done but we're trying hard," said Bruce.

"There's still one or two issues to be ironed out. We'll see how we get on."

Bruce had begun his summer transfer business earlier than most of his Premier League counterparts, signing Jake Livermore, Rob Snodgrass and Tom Ince.

Snodgrass is already out injured for a long period after suffering a knee injury during his competitive debut at QPR a fortnight ago.

LEICESTER CITY

Foxes manager Nigel Pearson believes his side's early Capital One Cup exit exposed the deficiencies of a squad he knows is in dire need of strengthening.

Less than two weeks into their return to the Premier League, City are already out of one cup competition following a shock 1-0 defeat to SkyBet League Two Shrewsbury at the King Power Stadium.

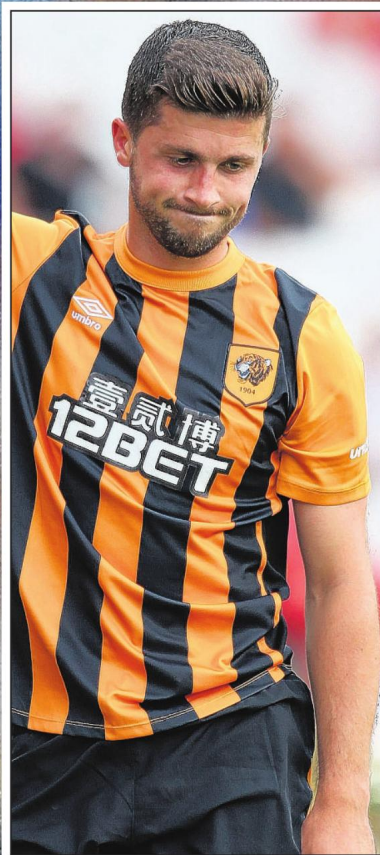
Pearson made eight changes to the side beaten 2-0 by Chelsea at the weekend, which included bleeding four debutants - three of whom were rookies.

Pearson has so far brought in six new faces, including a club record signing in £8million Leonardo Ulloa, but knows he needs more.

Asked whether he would be making any further new signings before the closure of the window, the ex-Saints boss said: "Possibly. I don't know."

"One of the things that is apparent is that we do need to strengthen. We need more depth, and we'll try and do that."

"People seem to think it's only recently we've been trying to do things, but that's not the case."



ON THE MOVE: Shane Long, above, left Hull to join Saints and Real Madrid's Angel Di Maria has joined Man United.

"It's been a very frustrating summer for us. The targets we've been trying to bring in have not happened."

Leicester this week pulled off a surprising coup by signing former Inter Milan and Argentina midfielder Esteban Cambiasso on a 12-month deal.

The 34-year-old had been without a club since being released by the Italian giants over the summer, ending a decade-long spell at the San Siro in which he helped Inter win several trophies.

Cambiasso made 52 appearances for Argentina, scoring five times, before retiring from international duty in 2011, although it is with Inter where he excelled.

He was integral to the treble-winning side of 2010, where Inter lifted the Serie A, Coppa Italia and Champions League, while he made over 300 appearances for the side after moving to Italy from Real Madrid in 2004.

LIVERPOOL

Reds boss Brendan Rodgers has been one of the busiest Premier



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ON THE MOVE: Danny Welbeck could be moving from Man United to Tottenham and, below, Mario Balotelli has joined Liverpool..



League bosses of the summer.

He has spent well over £100m on new blood, including three players from Saints.

His transfer kitty was helped by the sale of Luis Suarez to Barcelona for £75m, but it might take time for all his new recruits to gel.

Rodgers is currently without ex-Saints skipper Adam Lallana, who picked up a knee injury shortly after his £25m arrival.

With Mario Balotelli the latest high profile

signing, it could be that Rodgers' summer signing spree is now over.

MANCHESTER CITY

The defending champions have spent over £50m on three players as they aim to keep ahead of all their rivals.

Main signing has been £32m French defender Eliaquim Mangala from Porto, while Fernando cost £12m from the same club.

Goalkeeper Willy Caballero has been signed to put pressure on England No 1 Joe Hart, while Frank Lampard arrived on loan until January from New York City FC.

New York are City's American sister outfit, who the 36-year-old England international signed for earlier this summer.

City have kept all their title winning team together, so boss Manuel Pellegrini's summer transfer business could be finished.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Transfer deadline day could well be a busy one for Louis Van Gaal.

Even though he has spent over £130m on four players – capped by the British record transfer paid for Angel Di Maria – United's shortcomings have been there for all to see in the opening three games of 2014/15.

Mexican striker Javier Hernandez, often linked with Saints this summer, could be on his way come the window's closure, while England's Danny Welbeck is being linked with a move to Tottenham.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

ALAN Pardew will be hoping some of his summer strike signings start hitting the back of the net soon.

The Magpies were in desperate need of extra attacking options after being rocked by Papa Cisse's long-term knee injury and club legend Shola Ameobi turning down a new contract at the end of last season.

In addition, last term's top scorer – 14-goal Loic Remy – returned to parent club QPR after his loan spell finished.

Pardew splashed out £11m this summer to sign Dutch international striker Siem De Jong from Ajax and Emmanuel Riviere from Monaco.

But neither managed a goal as the Toon failed to score in their opening two league games against Manchester City and Aston Villa.

De Jong doesn't boast anything resembling the impressive Dutch League scoring record that Saints' Graziano Pelle does.

He netted seven times in 25 Eredivisie outings last term, and managed 16 goals in 42 league and cup outings in 2012/13.

Riviere, like De Jong, is playing in the Premier League for the first time.

He struck 10 goals in 30 La Ligue appearances for Monaco last season, though six of those goals arrived in his first six games.

Prior to that, he had struck four times in 18 games in 2012/13.

Pardew spent £1m on a third striker in the summer, 21-year-old Ayoze Perez, who scored 16 times in the Spanish Second Division for Tenerife last season.

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Out: Billy Jones (Sunderland) Free, Liam Ridgwell (Portland Timbers) Free, Steven Reid (Burnley) Free, Cameron Gayle (Shrewsbury) Free, George Thorne (Derby) Undisclosed, Donervon Daniels (Blackpool) Loan.
Released: Scott Allan, Nicolas Anelka, Zoltan Gera, Diego Lugano.

West Ham United

In: Mauro Zarate (Velez Sarsfield) Undisclosed, Cheikh Kouyate (Anderlecht) Undisclosed, Aaron Cresswell (Ipswich) Undisclosed, Diego Poyet (Charlton) Tribunal, Enner Valencia (Pachuca) £12m, Diafra Sakho (FC Metz) Undisclosed.

Out: Joe Cole (Aston Villa) Free, Stephen Henderson (Charlton) Free, Raphael Spiegel (Crawley) Loan, Jordan Spence (MK Dons) Free, George Moncur (Colchester) Loan.
Released: Jack Collison, Callum Driver, George McCartney.

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BIRMINGHAM

In: Jonathan Grounds (Oldham, free), Grant Hall (Tottenham, loan), Stephen Gleeson (MK Dons, free), Wes Thomas (Rotherham, free), David Edgar (Burnley, free), Gavin Gunning (Dundee United, free), Mark Duffy (Doncaster, free), David Cotterill (Doncaster, free), Clayton Donaldson (Brentford, free), Denny Johnstone (Celtic, undisclosed), Navid Nasser (Bury, free), Luke Armstrong (Middlesbrough, free), David Davis (Wolves, undisclosed).
Out: Darren Ambrose, Peter Lovenkrands, Brian Howard, Nikola Zigic, Akwasi Asante, Reece Hales (all released), Hayden Mullins (Notts County, free), Wade Elliott (Bristol City, free), Liam Maher (Leamington, free), Aaron Martin (Yeovil, free), Amari Bell (Mansfield, loan), Chris Burke (Nottingham Forest, free), Koby Arthur (Cheltenham, loan), Tom Adeyemi (Cardiff, undisclosed).

BLACKBURN ROVERS

In: Chris Brown (Doncaster, free), Luke Varney (Leeds, free), Alex Baptiste (Bolton, loan).
Out: William Beesley, Robbie Cotton, Ryan Edwards, Hugo Fernandez Molina, Timothy Payne, Deniz Pero, Aaron Tumwa, Matthew Urwin, DJ Campbell, Dickson Etuhu (all released), Alan Judge (Brentford, undisclosed), David Goodwillie (Aberdeen, free), Josh Morris (Fleetwood, loan), Alex Marrow (Carlisle, free), Ruben Rochina (Granada, undisclosed), Matt Urwin (Bradford, non-contract), Leon Best (Derby, loan), Anthony O'Connor (Plymouth, loan).

BLACKPOOL

In: Sergei Zenjov (FC Karpaty Lviv, free), Jose Miguel Cubero (Herediano) Undisclosed, Nathan Delfouneso (Aston Villa, free), Peter Clarke (Huddersfield, free), Tomasz Cywka (Barnsley, free), Jacob Mellis (Barnsley, free), Edu Oriol (AEL Limassol, free), Nile Ranger (Unattached), Francois Zoko (Stevenage, free), Joel Dielna (Vannes, free), Jeffrey Rentmeister (Westerlo, undisclosed), Andrea Orlandi (Brighton, free), Elliot Parish (Bristol City, free), John Lundstram (Everton, loan), Ishmael Miller (Nottingham Forest, free), Joe Lewis (Cardiff, loan), Joan Oriol (Osasuna, free), Donervon Daniels (West Brom, loan).
Out: Barry Ferguson, Michael Chopra, Robert Earnshaw, Louis Almond, Anderson Banvo, Jake Caprice, Adam Dodd, Nathan Eccleston, Elliot Grandin, Faris Haroun, Liam Tomsett, Nathan Tyson, Tony Warner (all released), Chris Basham (Sheff Utd, free), Kirk Broadfoot (Rotherham, free), James Caton (Shrewsbury, free), Neal Bishop (Scunthorpe, free), Craig Cathcart (Watford, free), Matt Gilks (Burnley, free), Chris Kettings (Crystal Palace, free), Mark Halstead (Shrewsbury, free), Tom Ince (Hull, compensation), Ricardo Fuller (Millwall, free), Nathan Tyson (Doncaster, free), Gerardo Bruna (Tranmere, free).

BOLTON WANDERERS

In: Neil Danns (Leicester, free), Liam Trotter (Millwall, free), Liam Feeney (Millwall, free), Andy Robinson (Southampton, free), Dorian Dervite (Charlton, free), Ross Fitzsimons (Crystal Palace, free), Dean Moxey (Crystal Palace, free), Kevin McNaughton (Cardiff, loan), Quade Taylor (Crystal Palace, free), Andy Hughes (Charlton, free), Joe Mason (Cardiff City, loan).
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Out: Zat Knight, Chris Eagles, Tyrone Mears, Jay Lynch, Andre Moritz, Arran Lee-Barrett (all released), Marvin Sordell (Burnley, undisclosed), Alex Baptiste (Blackburn, loan), Joe Riley (Oxford, loan), Keith Andrews (Watford, loan), Jay Lynch (Accrington, free), Cian Bolger (Southend, undisclosed)

BOURNEMOUTH

In: Dan Gosling (Newcastle, free), Junior Stanislas (Burnley, free), Callum Wilson (Coventry, undisclosed)
Out: Richard Hughes, Stephen Purches (both retired), Shwan Jalal (Bury, free), Matt Tubbs (AFC Wimbledon, loan), Lewis Grabban (Norwich, undisclosed), Mohamed Coulibaly (Coventry, loan), Ryan Allsop (Coventry, loan), Miles Addison (Scunthorpe United, loan), Jayden Stockley (Cambridge, loan), Josh McQuoid (Coventry, loan).

BRENTFORD

In: Alan Judge (Blackburn, undisclosed), Marcos Tebar Ramiro (Almería, free), Andre Gray (Luton, undisclosed), Moses Odubajo (Leyton Orient, undisclosed), Alex Pritchard (Tottenham, loan), Jota (Celta Vigo - Brentford, undisclosed), Jon Toral (Arsenal, loan), Nick Proschwitz (Hull, free), Tommy Smith (Cardiff, free)
Out: Scott Barron (released), Shaleum Logan (Aberdeen, free), Aaron Pierre (Wycombe, free), Liam O'Brien (Dagenham, free), Clayton Donaldson (Birmingham, free), Sam Beale (Eastbourne Borough, free), Luke Norris (Gillingham, compensation), Farid El Alagui (Hibs, free), Will Grigg (MK Dons, loan), Michael Onovwugun (Chesterfield, free), Josh Clarke (Dagenham & Redbridge, loan).

BRIGHTON

In: Nzuzi Toko (Grasshopper Zurich, free), Aaron Hughes (QPR, free), Chris O'Grady (Barnsley, undisclosed), David Stockdale (Fulham, undisclosed), Sam Baldock (Bristol City, undisclosed), Gary Gardner (Aston Villa, loan), Adrian Colunga (Getafe, undisclosed), Joe Bennett (Aston Villa, loan), Paddy McCourt (Unattached), Danny Holla (Den Haag, free), Joao Carlos Teixeira (Liverpool, loan)
Out: Peter Brezovan, Will Hoskins, Tomasz Kuszczak, Andrea Orlandi, David Lopez, David Rodriguez (all released), Matt Upson (Leicester, free), Brennan Dickenson (Gillingham, free), Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester, £8m), Will Hoskins (Oxford, free), Peter Brezovan (Portsmouth, free), Will Buckley (Sunderland, undisclosed), Andrea Orlandi (Blackpool, free)

CARDIFF CITY

In: Javi Guerra (Real Valladolid, free), Guido Burgstaller (Rapid Vienna, undisclosed), Federico Macheda (Manchester United, free), Adam Le Fondre (Reading, undisclosed), Kagisho Dikgacoi (Crystal Palace, free), Sean Morrison (Reading, undisclosed), Anthony Pilkington (Norwich, £1m), Tom Adeyemi (Birmingham, undisclosed)
Out: Tommy Smith, Simon Lappin, Luke Coulson, Ronnie Hawkins (all released), Craig Bellamy (retired), Andrew Taylor (Wigan, undisclosed), Don Cowie (Wigan, free), Kevin McNaughton (Bolton, loan), Jo Inge Berget (Celtic, loan), Fraizer Campbell (Crystal Palace, £900,000), Steven Caulker (QPR, undisclosed), Simon Lappin (St Johnstone, free), Kevin Theophile-Catherine (St Etienne, loan), Joe Mason (Bolton Wanderers, loan), Gary Medel (Inter Milan, £10m), Tommy Smith (Brentford, free), Filip Kiss (Ross County, loan), Joe Lewis (Blackpool, loan), Jordon Mutch (QPR, £8m)

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

In: Zak Ansah (Arsenal, free), Kurtis Cumberbatch (Watford, free), Yoni Buyens (Standard Liege, loan), Igor Vetokele (FC Copenhagen, undisclosed), Franck Moussa (Coventry, free), Andre Bileky (Panetolikos, free), Tal Ben Haim (Standard Liege, free), Johann Berg Gudmundsson (AZ Alkmaar, free), George Tucudean (Standard Liege, free)
Out: Leon Cort, Mark Gower, Andy Hughes, Bradley Jordan (all released), Ben Hamer (Leicester, free), Dorian Dervite (Bolton, free), Kevin Feely (Newport, free), Danny Hollands (Portsmouth, free), Richard Wood (Rotherham, free)

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CASH IS KING IN

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Perez has come on as a sub in Newcastle's first two league games, but due to his age, experience and price tag cannot be expected to hit the ground running in the Premier League.

That is not the case for De Jong and Riviere.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

As always, we can expect Harry Redknapp to be involved in some business on the final day of the transfer window.

It was, after all, ever thus.

Even at this early stage of the season, it is obvious Rangers need more new faces if they are to avoid a second relegation in three seasons from the top flight.

Redknapp has not exactly been quiet this summer, bringing in five new players.

Most expensive so far is Leroy Fer, a midfielder Saints boss Ronald Koeman once had with him at Feyenoord.

Fer was relegated in his only season with Norwich last season, but returned to the top flight in an £8m deal.

Redknapp has brought in Steven Caulker and Rio Ferdinand to strengthen his defence, and ex-Saints and England boss Glenn Hoddle was a high profile coaching appointment off the field.

Chilean Mauricio Isla, who can play at right wing back or midfield, and Cardiff midfielder Jordon Mutch have also arrived at Loftus Road.

Despite all that, though, Redknapp probably knows he needs further

signings, and in most departments.

STOKE CITY

Manager Mark Hughes is not anticipating any further signings before the transfer window closes, but has money to spend.

Hughes' only significant outlay this summer has been on Bojan Krkic, with Phil Bardsley, Steve Sidwell and Mame Biram Diouf arriving on free transfers and Victor Moses joining on loan from Chelsea.

However, Stoke have made bids for Norwich winger Nathan Redmond a Saints target earlier this summer, and Liverpool attacker Oussama Assaidi without getting the deals over the line.

"We had a number of targets

that we made good bids for," said Hughes. "But having money and the opportunity to spend it is not always a given."

"The club selling holds all the cards. You get so far down the line but a lot of things need to fall into place before you conclude a deal."

"Sometimes we probably offered over the odds because we wanted the player that much."

"We were prepared to do that and there's definitely been a willingness inside the club to spend the money. But it still has to be the right deal."

"I'm sure the money will be there to spend in the future, I'd like to think so."

SUNDERLAND

Head coach Gus Poyet is hoping to spring a surprise during the remaining days of the window.

Reports from Italy suggest the Black Cats have signed Inter Milan's Argentina international winger Ricky Alvarez on a season-long loan deal, although that has not been confirmed.

However, it is believed Alvarez is very much on the radar as Poyet attempts to put the finishing touches to his summer rebuilding programme.

He has given little away about the men who remain in his sights, but said: "We're moving, we're moving very fast

because it's getting close. I'm confident we'll be doing something."

"You're going to be surprised."

Sunderland have spent much of the summer attempting to lure Liverpool's Fabio Borini back to the Stadium of Light after his successful loan spell last season, but an increasingly frustrated Poyet indicated at the weekend that he would have to turn his attention elsewhere if he did not get a positive answer soon.

Indeed, the club has also expressed an interest in Lille's former Chelsea striker Salomon Kalou as a potential alternative.

The left-hand side of midfield remains a major focus, as does central defence, where the Black Cats have been linked with Celtic's Virgil van Dijk.

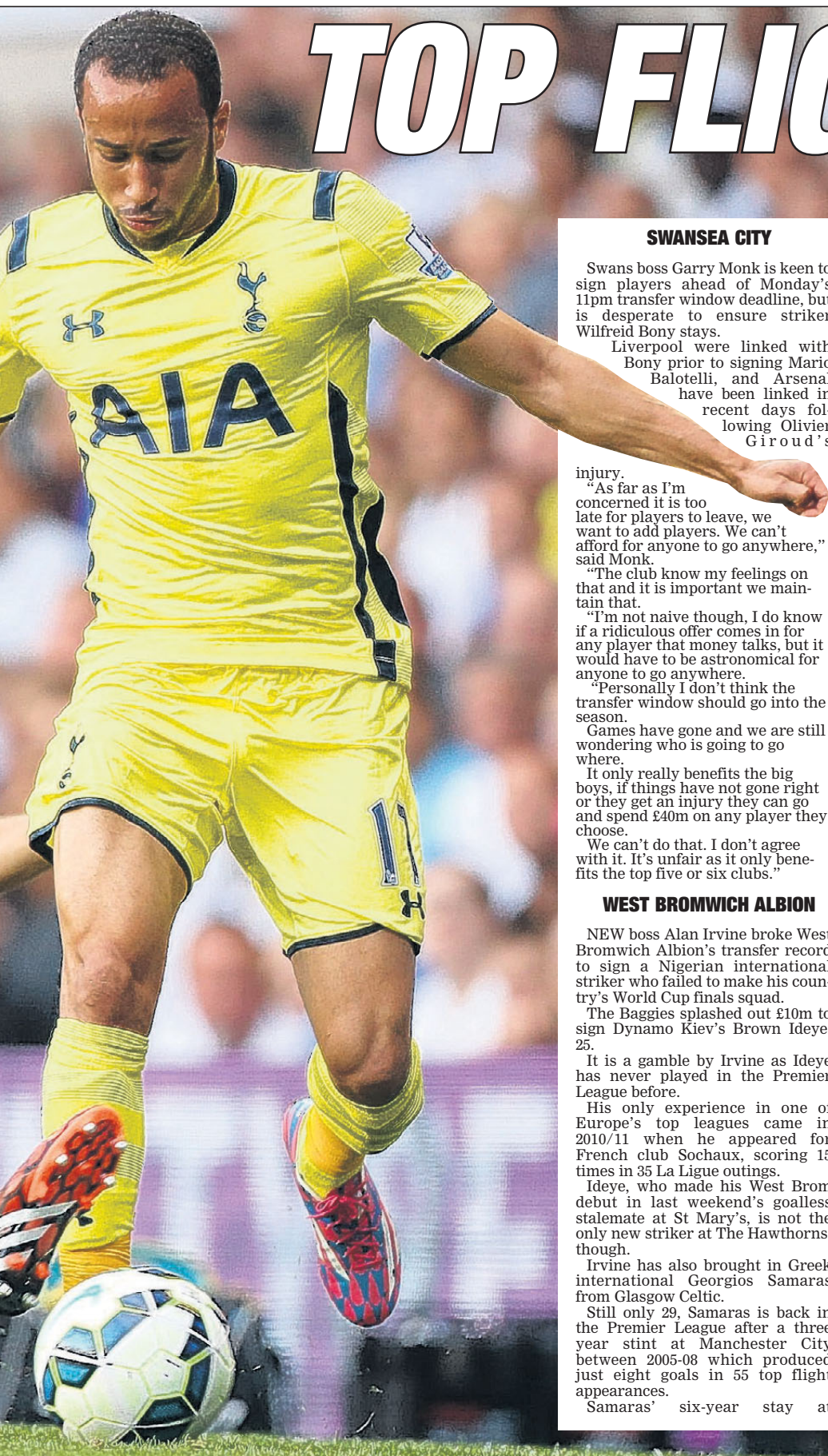
van Dijk was repeatedly linked with Saints prior to Florin Gardos' arrival.

TARGET: Could Spurs winger Andros Townsend be on his way to St Mary's?

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TOP FLIGHT



SWANSEA CITY

Swans boss Garry Monk is keen to sign players ahead of Monday's 11pm transfer window deadline, but is desperate to ensure striker Wilfred Bony stays.

Liverpool were linked with Bony prior to signing Mario Balotelli, and Arsenal have been linked in recent days following Olivier Giroud's

injury.

"As far as I'm concerned it is too late for players to leave, we want to add players. We can't afford for anyone to go anywhere," said Monk.

"The club know my feelings on that and it is important we maintain that.

"I'm not naive though, I do know if a ridiculous offer comes in for any player that money talks, but it would have to be astronomical for anyone to go anywhere.

"Personally I don't think the transfer window should go into the season.

Games have gone and we are still wondering who is going to go where.

It only really benefits the big boys, if things have not gone right or they get an injury they can go and spend £40m on any player they choose.

We can't do that. I don't agree with it. It's unfair as it only benefits the top five or six clubs."

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

NEW boss Alan Irvine broke West Bromwich Albion's transfer record to sign a Nigerian international striker who failed to make his country's World Cup finals squad.

The Baggies splashed out £10m to sign Dynamo Kiev's Brown Ideye, 25.

It is a gamble by Irvine as Ideye has never played in the Premier League before.

His only experience in one of Europe's top leagues came in 2010/11 when he appeared for French club Sochaux, scoring 15 times in 35 La Ligue outings.

Ideye, who made his West Brom debut in last weekend's goalless stalemate at St Mary's, is not the only new striker at The Hawthorns, though.

Irvine has also brought in Greek international Georgios Samaras from Glasgow Celtic.

Still only 29, Samaras is back in the Premier League after a three year stint at Manchester City between 2005-08 which produced just eight goals in 55 top flight appearances.

Samaras' six-year stay at

Parkhead was more productive, with 48 Scottish League strikes in 156 games - 103 of which were starts.

Irvine certainly needs goals from somewhere if the Baggies are to make any improvements on last term.

Midfielder Stephane Sessegnon was the club's joint top Premier League marksman last season with just five, the same amount as England U21 international Saido Berahino managed in 11 starts plus 21 sub outings.

WEST HAM UNITED

Stewart Downing believes West Ham have a stronger squad this season as the challenge of juggling league and cup football beckons.

"All the new signings have settled in well and those who have played have made good starts," said the England winger.

"We have a bit of a stronger squad this season which I think helps the manager. Last season the team had to literally pick itself at times because of injuries.

"We have a lot more options now and can change it around a bit if needed."

Of the seven new acquisitions, Aaron Cresswell, centre half Cheikhou Kouyate and Argentinian striker Mauro Zarate have made an instant impact - with the latter opening the scoring at Crystal Palace last weekend with a spectacular volley.

Zarate, once of Birmingham City, is one of three foreign forwards Sam Allardyce signed this summer in a bid to give his side much needed goalscoring options.

The other two, Enner Valencia and Diafra Sakho, are still working on their fitness.

Valencia was signed for £12m after scoring three goals for Ecuador in the World Cup, including a brace in a 2-1 win over Honduras.

He had warmed up for the tournament in Brazil by also scoring in a 2-2 friendly draw with England in America.

Valencia, 25, was signed from Mexican League club Pachuca, whom he had only joined in January of this year from Emelec in his home country.

Senegalese striker Sakho, 24, was signed after scoring 43 goals in the last two seasons as French club Metz achieved back-to-back promotions into the top flight.

Allardyce will be keeping his fingers crossed that at least one of his new strikers impresses.

The Hammers' top Premier League scorer in 2013/14 was midfielder Kevin Nolan, with just seven goals.

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Adebayo Azeze (AFC Wimbledon, free), Danny Green (MK Dons, free), Diego Poyet (West Ham, compensation), Jordan Cook (Walsall, free), Bradley Pritchard (Leyton Orient, free), Cedric Evina (Doncaster, free), Harry Lennon (Cambridge, loan), Andy Hughes (Bolton, free)

DERBY COUNTY

In: Alban Bunjaku (Sevilla, free), Jonathan Mitchell (Newcastle, free), Zak Whitbread (Leicester, free), Alefe Santos (Bristol Rovers, free), Cyrus Christie (Coventry, undisclosed), George Thorne (West Brom, undisclosed), Ryan Shotton (Stoke, loan), Omar Mascarell (Real Madrid, loan), Leon Best (Blackburn, loan), Shaquille McDonald (York, free)

Out: Ross Atkins, Valentin Gokjaj, Michael Hoganson (all released), Adam Legzdins (Leyton Orient, free), James O'Connor (Walsall, free), Ben Davies (Sheffield United, free), Callum Ball (St Mirren, free), Josh Lelan (Swindon, loan), James Bailey (Barnsley, free), Mark O'Brien (Motherwell, loan), Conor Sammon (Ipswich, loan), Mason Bennett (Bradford, loan)

FULHAM

In: Shaun Hutchinson (Motherwell, free), Adam Taggart (Newcastle Jets, undisclosed), Tim Hoogland (Schalke, free), Kay Voser (Basle, undisclosed), Ross McCormack (Leeds, undisclosed), Konstantinos Stafylidis (Bayer Leverkusen, loan), Adil Chihi (FC Cologne, free), Thomas Eisfeld (Arsenal, undisclosed), Tiago Casasola (Boca Juniors, undisclosed), Dino Fazlic (Unattached, free), Nikolay Budurov (Litex Lovech, undisclosed)

Out: Damien Duff, Giorgos Karagounis, Mahamadou Diarra, John Arne Riise, Derek Boateng, Matthew Briggs, Neil Etheridge, Brede Hangeland, Charles Banya, Alex Brister, Dino Islamovic, Ronny Minkwitz, Max Oberschmidt (all released), John Heitinga (Hertha Berlin, free), Steve Sidwell (Stoke, free), Josh Pritchard (Gillingham, free), Sascha Riether (Freiburg, undisclosed), Pajtim Kasami (Olympiacos, undisclosed), Kieran Richardson (Aston Villa, undisclosed), Ashkan Dejagah (Al-Arabi, undisclosed), David Stockdale (Brighton, undisclosed), Maarten Stekelenburg (Monaco, loan), Charles Banya (Crawley, free), Matthew Briggs (Millwall, free), Brede Hangeland (Crystal Palace, free)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

In: Joe Murphy (Coventry, free), Lee Peltier (unattached), Radoslaw Majewski (Nottingham Forest, loan), Jacob Butterfield (Middlesbrough, swap), Liam Coogans (Airdrie, undisclosed), Conor Coady (Liverpool, undisclosed)

Out: Peter Clarke, Ian Bennett, Chris Atkinson, Anton Robinson, Cristian Lopez, Paul Mullin (all released), Keith Southern (Fleetwood, free), Calum Woods (Preston, free), Peter Clarke (Blackpool, free), Chris Atkinson (Crewe, free), Oliver Norwood (Reading, undisclosed), Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough, swap), Paul Mullin (Morecambe, free)

IPSWICH TOWN

In: Cameron Stewart (Hull, free), Alex Henshall (Manchester City, free), Jonathan Parr (Crystal Palace, free), Bartosz Bialkowski (Notts County, undisclosed), Balint Bajner (Borussia Dortmund, free), Kevin Bru (Levski Sofia) Free, Conor Sammon (Derby, loan)

Out: Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, David October, Mark Timlin, Jonathan Leddy, Tom Winter, Jordan Adekunle (all released), Carlos Edwards (Millwall, free), Scott Loach (Rotherham, free), Aaron Cresswell (West Ham, undisclosed), Frederic Veseli (Port Vale, loan), Anthony Wordsworth (Rotherham, loan), Jack Marriott (Carlisle, loan), Paul Taylor (Rotherham, loan)

LEEDS UNITED

In: Stuart Taylor (Reading, free), Marco Silvestri (Chievo, undisclosed), Tommaso Bianchi (Sassuolo, undisclosed), Souleymane Doukara (Catania, loan), Gaetano Berardi (Sampdoria, undisclosed), Casper Sloth (AGF Aarhus, undisclosed), Mirco Antenucci (Ternana, undisclosed), Liam Cooper (Chesterfield, undisclosed), Billy Sharp (Southampton, undisclosed), Nicky Ajose (Peterborough, undisclosed), Zan Benedicic (AC Milan, loan)

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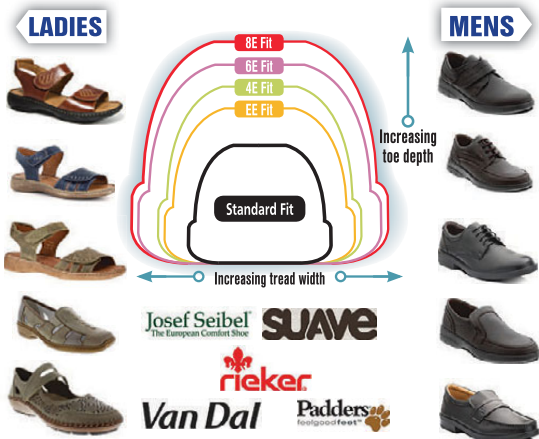
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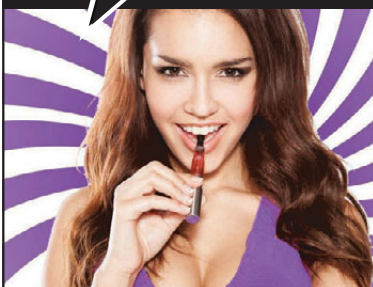
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Hampshire fixtures 2014

April

6 Worcestershire (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

13 Gloucestershire (CC) Bristol
Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheeler 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

20 Derbyshire (CC) Derby
Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gattling 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

27 Surrey (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

May

5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106*) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

11 Glamorgan (CC) Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 234 (S Ervine 3-36, M Coles 3-39, K Abbott 3-66) & 187 (J Tomlinson 3-40, K Abbott 3-43) lost to Hampshire 345 (M Carberry 66, L Dawson 64, J Vince 61) & 68-4 by 6 wickets.

16 Glamorgan (t20) Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 161-7 (Briggs 3-23) beat Hampshire 151-6 by 10 runs.

18 Leicestershire (CC) Leicester
Hampshire 332-10 (Vince 70, Wheeler 57, Adams 40, Ervine 40, Abbott 40) & 338-9 dec (Smith 46, Gattling 44, Vince 56, Wheeler 46, Coles 83) beat Leicestershire 296-10 (Abbott 4-55, Tomlinson 4-49) & 96-10 (Briggs 4-13, Coles 3-24) by 278 runs.

23 Sussex (t20) Hove
Hampshire 177-5 (Vince 52) beat Sussex 159-5 by 18 runs.

25 Middlesex (t20) Northwood
Hampshire 198-2 (Vince 68, Shah 49) beat Middlesex 151-9 (Briggs 3-20) by 47 runs.

30 Essex (t20) Ageas Bowl
Essex 145-5 lost to Hampshire 146-2 (J Vince 57no, O Shah 50no) by eight wickets.

June

1 Derbyshire (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 388 (A Wheeler 87, W Smith 82, J Adams 60, M Bates 50) & 214-5 dec (J Adams 67) drew with Derbyshire 257 (D Briggs 5-50, K Abbott 3-48) & 107-8 (J Tomlinson 3-16).

5 Kent (t20) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 171-7 (M Carberry 73, J Adams 47) bt Kent 144-4 (D Briggs 3-28) by 27 runs.

8 Worcestershire (CC) New Road
Worcestershire 402-9 dec (D Balcombe 3-53) drew with Hampshire 219 (W Smith 67, J Vince 48) and 321-5 (M Carberry 125, G Maxwell 85).

13 Somerset (t20) Taunton
Somerset 176-4 bt Hampshire 175-7 (M Carberry 38) by one run.

15 Essex (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 286 & 440-3 dec (J Vince 240, W Smith 151no) bt Essex 121 (K Abbott 5-44, J Tomlinson 3-25) & 135 (K Abbott 3-23) by 470 runs.

20 Gloucs (t20) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 180-6 (J Adams 69no, J Vince 39) beat Gloucestershire 178-8 (W Smith 3-26) by two runs.

25 Glamorgan (t20) Cardiff
Hampshire 170-6 (M Carberry 59, J Adams 52) bt Glamorgan 164-6 by 6 runs.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

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CRICKET REPORTER

IT is not often that Hampshire are more consistent in the LV County Championship than in the limited-overs competitions.

But that has been the case this season and it means they have the chance to end it on a high after the abject performances in the Royal London One-Day Cup and last week's T20 Blast semi-final.

Not since the second half of the 2008 season when, inspired by Imran Tahir, Hampshire finished third in the top flight, have they been so consistent in the longer form of the game.

Tahir returns to Hampshire for a fourth stint in a fortnight's time.

He became a crowd favourite six years ago, when his 44 wickets at 16.68 turned Hampshire from relegation fodder into title hopefuls.

Back then he was a relative unknown and did not stop taking wickets after a remarkable debut against Lancashire at Old Trafford at the end of July.

Hampshire went on to win four of their last five games, including their last three.

Tahir is only here for two matches this time but will be looking forward to adding to the 124 Championship wickets he has taken for the county (at 25.24 apiece) when he plays against Kent on September 15.

The 35-year-old, who also played for Hampshire in 2009 and 2011, will be making his division two debut and will return a seasoned international, having made his 15 Test appearances (40 wickets at 47.17) since his last stint.

Leg-spinner Tahir was the pick of South Africa's bowlers in his 19th one-day international appearance this week, taking 2-45 in a seven-wicket win against Australia in Zimbabwe.

And he will fly to Hampshire after the triangular series concludes next week.

It will be harsh on Danny Briggs, assuming he is the man to make way when Tahir plays his first game for Hampshire in three years.

Briggs' 25 wickets at 27.04 so far this season represents the most consistent Championship return of his career.

Tahir is a match-winner but it would be a shame if his arrival

HANTS AIMING TO PUT ONE-DAY WOES BEHIND THEM

HAMPSHIRE RETURN: Imran Tahir.

Four-day form could bring silver lining to season

denied the homegrown slow left-armer the chance to top the 38 wickets he took (at 36.65) in 2011.

In many ways it would have been refreshing if Hampshire

showed faith in the side that won their last Championship match so convincingly against Kent at Canterbury (Carberry, Adams, Smith, Vince, Dawson, Wheeler,

Ervine, Wood, Coles, Briggs, Tomlinson).

That is the side likely to take on Leicestershire at The Ageas Bowl over the next four days.

First Class averages – LV County Championship

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MOST RUNS

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
D Mitchell (Worcs)	13	21	4	1226	172*	72.11	5	3
JM Vince (Hants)	13	23	3	1220	240	61	3	6
A Lyth (Yorks)	13	19	1	1055	230	58.61	4	5
SR Patel (Notts)	13	24	0	988	156	41.16	2	6
MH Wessells (Notts)	13	23	4	987	158	51.94	1	7
CJL Rogers (Midx)	11	21	3	978	241*	54.33	3	3
WR Smith (Hants)	13	22	3	955	151*	50.26	1	6
EC Joyce (Sussex)	11	17	2	955	164*	63.66	5	2
AG Prince (Lancs)	13	23	1	934	257*	42.45	3	1
A Hales (Not,Wor)	10	18	1	926	183	54.47	3	4
DJ Malan (Midx)	11	19	1	903	154*	50.16	2	3
PA Jacques (Notts)	11	20	2	894	150*	49.66	2	6
M Trescothick (Som)	13	20	0	888	133	44.4	4	4
JHK Adams (Hants)	13	24	1	851	97	37	0	7
LJ Wright (Sussex)	9	15	2	846	189	65.07	3	3
JJ Roy (Surrey)	14	19	3	839	121*	52.43	2	4
M Stoneman (Dur)	12	21	0	837	187	39.85	3	3

WA Tavaré (Glos)	13	22	1	829	139	39.47	3	3
SM Davies (Surrey)	14	19	0	827	174	43.52	2	4
APR Gidman (Glos)	14	25	2	823	146	35.78	2	3
WD Bragg (Glam)	13	23	2	821	93	39.09	0	6
RJ Burns (Sy)	14	24	4	814	199	40.7	2	3
PJ Horton (Lancs)	13	25	2	803	140	34.91	2	3
NJ O'Brien (Leics)	11	21	3	803	133	44.61	1	5
AJ Robson (Leics)	12	23	0	798	96	34.69	0	8
ZS Ansari (Surrey)	14	22	7	774	112	51.6	2	4
HJH Marshall (Glos)	14	23	3	771	118	38.55	2	3
J Allenby (Glam)	13	22	1	768	100	36.57	1	5
M Richardson (Durh)	12	21	0	767	148	36.52	2	3
JA Rudolph (Glam)	12	21	0	764	139	36.38	2	5

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MOST WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	Ave	5wl
Saeed Ajmal (Worcs)	1038	63	16.47	6
TC Smith (Lancs)	962	53	18.15	4
SJ Magoffin (Sussex)	1074	53	20.26	3

MG Hogan (Glam)	961	52	18.48	3
MHA Footitt (Derby)	1085	52	20.86	3
JA Brooks (Yorks)	1544	52	29.69	2
JS Patel (Warks)	1259	51	24.68	1
DI Stevens (Kent)	1037	44	23.56	5
AC Thomas (Som)	1048	44	23.81	3
ST Finn (Midx)	1308	44	29.72	2
L Gregory (Som)	1048	43	24.37	3
CAJ Morris (Worcs)	1093	42	26.02	0
NL Buck (Leics)	1290	42	30.71	3
JD Shantry (Worcs)	1008	41	24.58	1
WRS Gidman (Glos)	890	39	22.82	2
TJ Murtagh (Midx)	1190	39	30.51	3
CR Woakes (Warks)	777	38	20.44	2
AEN Riley (Kent)	1125	38	29.6	2
JA Tomlinson (Hants)	968	37	26.16	0
MS Panesar (Essex)	976	37	26.37	4
PM Siddie (Notts)	1165	37	31.48	0
KJ Abbott (Hants)	732	36	20.33	2
J Allenby (Glam)	869	36	24.13	1

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Run-ins

Worcestershire: DERBYSHIRE (A), Surrey (h), Essex (a).

Hampshire: LEICESTERSHIRE (H), Kent (h), Glamorgan (a).

Surrey: Worcestershire (a), Derbyshire (h)

Essex: Kent (h), Leicestershire (a), Worcestershire (h)

Kent: GLAMORGAN (H), Essex (a), Gloucestershire (h)

(fixtures in capitals begin on Sunday)

How they stand

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bw	Pts
Worcs	13	7	1	5	32	39	208
Hampshire	13	5	1	7	37	31	183
Surrey	14	4	3	7	38	38	175
Essex	13	4	2	7	28	36	163
Kent	12	4	4	4	28	30	142
Gloucs	14	3	5	6	23	32	133
Derbyshire	12	3	4	5	18	30	121
Glamorgan	13	2	5	6	24	34	120
Leics	12	0	7	5	29	32	86

It includes Chris Wood, whose career-best 5-39 in his first Championship match after knee surgery proved that Hampshire can cope without

Kyle Abbott, who is playing alongside Tahir for South Africa in Zimbabwe.

If Briggs bowls well, he will give Giles White, Dale

Benkenstein and Jimmy Adams a difficult decision in two weeks' time.

With third-placed Surrey not playing this week, Hampshire's

game in hand gives them an excellent chance to increase the gap between the promotion positions and the rest.

Of the top five still in promotion contention, Hampshire have the most enviable run-in.

Two of their last three games are at home and two are also against the bottom pair.

This week Hampshire host a Leicestershire side that is without a Championship win for two years.

And the fact that four of the top five will be taking points off each other from September 9-12 (Surrey play Worcestershire and Essex host Kent) means Hampshire's position could be improved without even playing that week.

Then Tahir arrives for the visit of a Kent side that could be out of promotion contention by September 15.

The trip to second-from-bottom Glamorgan in the final week means Hampshire could be cracking open the champagne at the Swalec Stadium for the second time in three years, following their T20 success there in 2012.

What is also encouraging for Hampshire is that Worcestershire and Surrey are without their overseas players for the run-in.

Surrey do not have Tillakaratne Dilshan, although that disappointment has been soothed by the fact that Kevin Pietersen is set to finish the season by playing in his county's last two matches – his first first-class matches since the end of his England career.

"I'm going to play in September, I want to do everything I can to try and help Surrey to get promotion, because they've been fantastic to me," said Pietersen recently.

More significantly, Worcestershire will not be welcoming back Saeed Ajmal, whose 63 wickets at 16.4 have helped keep them top of division two all season.

Hampshire have won promotion twice before but could yet pip Worcestershire to the title and go up as division two champions for the first time.

The leaders lost their last game to Gloucestershire and the 25-point gap that separates them from Hampshire is certainly not insurmountable.

Hampshire fixtures 2014

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27 Surrey (t20)Oval
Hampshire 131-9 lost to Surrey 137-2 by eight wickets.

28 Surrey (CC)Oval
Surrey 474-8 and 13-0 drew with Hampshire 354 all out (Smith 82, Ervine 80, Adams 79)

July

4 Kent (t20)Canterbury
Hampshire 173-9 beat Kent 126 all out (Wood 4-24) by 47 runs.

6 Somerset (t20)Ageas Bowl
Somerset 155-4 beat Hampshire 116 all out by 39 runs.

7 Gloucs (CC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 297 (Balcombe 65*) and 213-6 (Vince 63) drew with Gloucestershire 504-8 dec.

11 Middlesex (t20)Ageas Bowl
Middlesex 173-6 bt Hampshire 123 by 50 runs.

13 Essex (CC)Colchester
Hampshire 246 (A Wheeler 107, N Rimmington 65no) & 171 (M Carberry 56) lost to Essex 285 & 136-8 (L Dawson 4-58, D Briggs 4-61) by two wickets.

18 Sussex (t20)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 177-3 (M Carberry 87no, J Adams 52, S Ervine 32no) bt Sussex 171-8 (D Briggs 4-28) by six runs.

22 Essex (t20)Chelmsford
Essex 167-9 (W Smith 3-17) lost to Hampshire 168-5 (M Carberry 57, M Coles 54) by five wickets.

26 Derbyshire (RLC)Derby
Derbyshire 340-5 bt Hampshire 204 (M Carberry 55) by 136 runs.

27 Lancashire (RLC)Old Trafford
Hampshire 360-9 (G Maxwell 146, S Ervine 64, W Smith 49, J Adams 41) bt Lancashire 212 by 148 runs.

31 Gloucs (RLC)Bristol
Gloucestershire 233 bt Hampshire 198 (J Adams 48, W Smith 47) by 35 runs.

August

3 Notts (t20 QF)Trent Bridge
Notts 197-2 lost to Hampshire 198-5 (J Vince 93no, S Ervine 39) by five wickets.

6 Leicestershire (RLC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 275-9 (S Terry 63, M Carberry 61) lost to Leics 186-4 by 6 wickets (Duckworth/Lewis method).

8 Northants (RLC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 249 (W Smith 59, S Terry 53) v Northants 0-0 match abandoned.

11 Worcs (RLC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 42-0, match abandoned.

13 Essex (RLC)Chelmsford
Essex 324 bt Hampshire 319-9 (A Wheeler 135, J Vince 79) by five runs.

14 Sri Lanka A (Tour)Ageas Bowl
Sri Lanka A 84-1, match abandoned.

15 Kent (CC)Canterbury
Hampshire 380 (S Ervine 75, C Wood 61, W Smith 56) & 311-5 dec (J Adams 97, M Carberry 81, W Smith 74no) bt Kent 191 (C Wood 5-39) and 304 (M Coles 3-68) by 196 runs.

21 Yorkshire (RLC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 172 (J Adams 91no) lost to Yorkshire 173-4 by 6 wickets.

31 Leicestershire (CC)Ageas Bowl

September

15 Kent (CC)Ageas Bowl

23 Glamorgan (CC)Cardiff

Key: CC = county championship. t20 = NatWest t20 Blast. RLC = Royal London Cup (50 overs).

First Class averages – LV County Championship



JAMES VINCE

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP HAMPSHIRE RUNS

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
JM Vince	13	23	3	1220	240	61	6	3
WR Smith	13	22	3	955	151*	50.26	6	1
JHK Adams	13	24	1	851	97	37	7	0
MA Carberry	11	20	1	737	125	38.78	3	2
SM Ervine	13	18	4	591	93	42.21	4	0
AJA Wheeler	9	15	1	548	107	39.14	3	1
LA Dawson	7	13	1	264	64	22	1	0
MT Coles	12	13	0	235	83	18.07	1	0
JS Gattling	8	12	1	191	67	17.36	1	0
MD Bates	7	10	3	181	50	25.85	1	0
KJ Abbott	9	10	1	127	40	14.11	0	0
DR Briggs	7	10	4	116	38*	19.33	0	0
JA Tomlinson	13	13	8	115	51	23	1	0
GJ Maxwell	1	2	0	109	85	54.5	1	0
DJ Balcombe	4	4	2	91	65*	45.5	1	0
NJ Rimmington	1	2	1	65	65*	65	1	0
CP Wood	1	1	0	61	61	61	1	0

BJ Taylor

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP HAMPSHIRE WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	5wl
JA Tomlinson	968	37	4-49	26.16	0
KJ Abbott	732	36	5-44	20.33	2
MT Coles	808	26	3-24	31.07	0
DR Briggs	676	25	5-50	27.04	1
SM Ervine	593	16	3-36	37.06	0
LA Dawson	410	15	4-58	27.33	0
CP Wood	68	6	5-39	11.33	1
DJ Balcombe	244	5	3-53	48.8	0
WR Smith	87	3	1-0	29	0
GJ Maxwell	33	2	2-33	16.5	0
NJ Rimmington	51	2	2-51	25.5	0
JM Vince	163	2	1-10	81.5	0
BJ Taylor	74	1	1-64	74	0
JS Gattling	22	0	-	-	-
MA Carberry	31	0	-	-	-

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BATH

Ground: Recreation Ground.

Head coach: Mike Ford.

Players in: Sam Burgess (South Sydney Rabbitohs RL), Henry Thomas (Sale Sharks), Grant Shiels (Newcastle), Luke Arcsott (Exeter), Nick Auterac (Saracens).

Players out: Nick Abendenon (Clermont Auvergne), Anthony Perenise (Bristol), Tom Heathcote (Edinburgh), Ryan Caldwell (Exeter), Tom Biggs (Worcester), Martin Roberts (Ospreys), Charlie Beech (Yorkshire Carnegie), Eusebio Guinazu (released).

Key signing: Sam Burgess.

Odds: 7-1.

Prospects: Flirted with the play-offs last season. Should make top four this time around as a minimum requirement.

EXETER

Ground: Sandy Park.

Head coach: Rob Baxter.

Players in: Thomas Waldrom (Leicester), Moray Low (Glasgow), Ryan Caldwell (Bath), Chrysander Botha (Lions, South Africa), Adam Hughes (Newport Gwent Dragons), Mitch Lees (London Welsh), Tomas Francis (London Scottish), Elvis Taione (Jersey).

Players out: Craig Mitchell (Cardiff Blues), Luke Arcsott (Bath), Hoani Tui (Lyon), James Phillips (London Scottish), Romana Graham (La Rochelle), Jason Shoemark (Hawke's Bay), Chris Whitehead, James Hanks (both retired).

Key signing: Thomas Waldrom.

Odds: 50-1.

Prospects: Tailed off last term. Top six is within their capability, but consistency must top the agenda.

GLOUCESTER

Ground: Kingsholm.

Rugby director: David Humphreys.

Players in: James Hook

(Perpignan), Richard Hibbard (Ospreys), Greig Laidlaw, Aleki Lutui (both Edinburgh), John Afoa (Ulster), Tom Palmer (Wasps), Mariano Galarza (Worcester), Aled Thomas (Scarlets), Tom Isaacs (Ospreys), Jacob Rowan, Steve McColl (both Yorkshire Carnegie), Mark Atkinson (Bedford), Callum Braley (Bristol), Henry Purdy (Leicester).

Players out: Akapusi Qera (Toulouse), Jimmy Cowan (Tasman), Freddie Burns (Leicester), Tavis Knoyle (Cardiff Blues), Matt Cox, Ryan Mills, Dan George (all Worcester), Rupert Harden (Treviso), Lua Lokotui (Bezzis), Koree Britton (London Welsh), Huia Edmonds (Narbonne), Jonny Bentley (Jersey), Thomas Young (Wasps), Martyn Thomas (released), Mike Tindall, Andy Hazell, Will James, Tim Taylor (all retired).

Key signing: John Afoa.

Odds: 16-1.

Prospects: Wildly erratic last season, and now made a host of high-profile signings alongside a new coaching team. Fans deserve a big campaign.

HARLEQUINS

Ground: Twickenham Stoop.

Rugby director: Conor O'Shea.

Players in: Marland Yarde (London Irish), Aseli Tikoirotuma (Waikato Chiefs).

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Records tumble in

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CRICKET REPORTER

HAMPSHIRE'S limited-overs season will be remembered for a record fifth successive T20 Finals Day appearance – and the worst List A campaign in the county's history.

The T20 campaign established Hampshire as the most consistent T20 team in the history of the format, even if it ended in a third semi-final defeat in four years at Edgbaston.

But the 50-over performances were surprisingly disappointing.

Not only did Hampshire finish bottom of their group, but they did so with a solitary win.

Glenn Maxwell's 146 against Lancashire at Old Trafford saw Hampshire amass the highest 50-over total in the county's history (360-9).

But even taking that into account, Hampshire's record says this was the worst List A season since limited-overs cricket began in 1963.

Not since the groundbreaking Gillette Cup was in its infancy



SOLE HIGHLIGHT: Glenn Maxwell.

have Hampshire managed just one win in a List A season.

They have failed to win one before, but that was 51 years ago, the very first season of limited-overs cricket, when Hampshire were knocked out of the inaugural Gillette Cup in the first round (at least then they put up a fight, losing by six runs to Derbyshire at Bournemouth).

In mitigation, Hampshire only played six List A games this season – their fewest since 1968 – due to T20 now being the domi-

nant form of the game and rain washing out three of their scheduled fixtures.

But a win percentage of 15.6 was a very poor effort from the county that had won 19 out of 28 in completing the 2012 double at Lord's, before reaching last year's CB40 semi-finals.

Having had such success in the 40-over competition for two seasons, Hampshire struggled in adapting back to the format they won in 2009.

"Every county's in the same situation so we can't bemoan it too much but the way the schedule's worked this year, with four-day cricket mixed in with T20 throughout, to suddenly have a completely different competition has been tricky," said Will Smith recently.

"I think a lot of teams have struggled to know how to play it. Fifty overs seems like a hell of a long time now when, for the last few years, we've just been playing 20 and 40-over cricket."

Hampshire still have many players who helped win county cricket's last 50-over competition, the Friends Provident Trophy, five years ago.

But Neil McKenzie and Dimi Mascarenhas were missed most in the One-Day Cup.

McKenzie may not have ever

TOP SCORER: Surrey's Jason Roy was the t20's leading runscore in 2014.

One-day averages – NatWest T20 Blast

NATWEST T20 BLAST - MOST RUNS

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	50	100
JJ Roy (Surrey)	15	15	1	677	81*	48.35	9	0
LJ Wright (Sussex)	14	14	2	601	153*	50.08	3	2
J Allenby (Glam)	15	13	1	548	105	45.66	4	1
JA Rudolph (Glam)	15	13	4	543	75*	60.33	6	0
T Westley (Essex)	14	14	2	538	109*	44.83	1	2
V Chopra (Warks)	15	15	2	525	86*	40.38	5	0
WTS Porterfield (Warks)	15	15	1	504	81*	36	4	0
C Kieswetter (Som)	11	10	0	497	74	49.7	6	0
MH Wessels (Notts)	13	13	2	470	95*	42.72	4	0
KR Brown (Lancs)	15	15	1	467	67*	33.35	4	0
JHK Adams (Hants)	16	16	1	447	69*	29.8	4	0
ML Pettini (Essex)	15	15	2	424	95*	32.61	2	0
MA Carberry (Hants)	14	14	1	424	87*	32.61	4	0
RS Bopara (Essex)	13	13	5	417	81*	52.12	3	0
JM Vince (Hants)	16	16	2	399	93*	28.5	4	0
DJ Malan (Midkx)	14	13	3	393	86*	39.3	2	0
GP Smith (Leics)	14	13	1	390	102	32.5	3	1
WL Madsen (Derby)	13	13	2	388	65	35.27	2	0
RWT Key (Kent)	12	12	1	384	89*	34.9	3	0
SR Patel (Notts)	13	13	1	379	63	31.58	3	0
DKH Mitchell (Worcs)	13	13	3	372	68*	37.2	3	0
AG Prince (Lancs)	9	9	1	372	72*	46.5	3	0
GC Wilson (Surrey)	16	15	3	368	63*	30.66	2	0
AD Hales (Notts)	13	13	0	365	67	28.07	3	0
MJ North (Derby)	13	13	0	361	90	27.76	2	0
SA Northeast (Kent)	14	14	1	358	75	27.53	3	0
CS MacLeod (Durh)	12	12	4	358	80*	44.75	2	0
JJ Cobb (Leics)	14	13	0	357	70*	27.46	2	0
JM Bairstow (York)	11	11	4	355	102*	50.71	2	1

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NATWEST T20 BLAST - MOST WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	Ave	SRate	Econ
JS Patel (Wk)	324	25	12.96	12.72	6.11
DP Nannes (Sm)	373	24	15.54	11.62	8.02
MHG Hogan (Gm)	410	21	19.52	14.57	8.03
DR Briggs (Ham)	435	21	20.71	16.85	7.37
K Ali (La)	299	20	14.95	11.7	7.66
WR Smith (Ham)	395	20	19.75	17.1	6.92
Junaid Khan (La)	266	19	14.00	12.31	6.82
RH Patel (Mx)	336	18	18.66	17.66	6.33
DI Stevens (Kent)	350	18	19.44	15.33	7.6
MT Coles (Ham)	469	18	26.05	19	8.22
AJ Ireland (Le)	305	17	17.94	12.29	8.75
Azhar Mahmood (Sy)	467	17	27.47	21.64	7.61
CP Wood (Ham)	470	17	27.64	19.29	8.59
CJ Russell (Wo)	280	16	17.5	11.37	9.23
GJ McCarter (Gs)	345	16	21.56	14.25	9.07
DE Bollinger (Kent)	236	15	15.73	12	7.86
PD Collingwood (Dur)	242	15	16.13	15.6	6.2
BA Raine (Le)	269	15	17.93	14.4	7.47
BAC Howell (Gs)	294	15	19.6	16.4	7.17
JKH Naik (Le)	344	15	22.93	20.4	6.74
SA Piolet (Sx)	349	15	23.26	18.4	7.58
Yasir Arafat (Sx)	355	15	23.66	18.26	7.77
SR Patel (Nt)	373	15	24.86	19.6	7.61
JD Shantry (Wo)	418	15	27.86	20.2	8.27
Azeem Rafiq (Yor)	184	14	13.14	12.28	6.41
JW Hastings (Dur)	202	14	14.42	10.78	8.02
AU Rashid (Yorks)	272	14	19.42	16.71	6.97

JJ Cobb (Leics)	279	14	19.92	15.92	7.5
WB Rankin (Warks)	280	14	20.00	14.57	8.23
SJ Croft (Lancs)	286	14	20.42	19.71	6.21

NATWEST T20 BLAST - HAMPSHIRE RUNS

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	50	100
JHK Adams	16	16	1	447	69*	29.8	4	0
MA Carberry	14	14	1	424	87*	32.61	4	0
JM Vince	16	16	2	399	93*	28.5	4	0
SM Ervine	16	14	2	262	47	21.83	0	0
WR Smith	16	13	5	179	37	22.37	0	0
MT Coles	15	11	2	175	54	19.44	1	0
OA Shah	6	6	3	156	50*	52	1	0
GJ Maxwell	11	11	0	127	30	11.54	0	0
AJA Wheeler	11	7	2	114	34	22.8	0	0
CP Wood	15	7	2	63	27	12.6	0	0
MD Bates	5	5	2	38	15	12.66	0	0
KJ Abbott	12	3	1	27	16	13.5	0	0
LA Dawson	4	2	1	17	10*	17	0	0
JS Gattling	2	1	1	5	5*	-	0	0
DR Briggs	15	4	4	3	1*	-	0	0
NJ Rimmington	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BJ Taylor	1	0						

NATWEST T20 BLAST - HAMPSHIRE WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	Ave	SRate	Econ
DR Briggs	435	21	20.71	16.85	7.37
WR Smith	395	20	19.75	17.1	6.92
MT Coles	469	18	26.05	19	8.22
CP Wood	470	17	27.64	19.29	8.59

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mixed one-day season

played a 50-over game during his four seasons with the county, but he would have been at his most effective in the One-Day Cup after 64 one-day international caps for South Africa. Perhaps the biggest factor in Hampshire's struggles was the fact that much has changed in the last five years.

For several seasons now Hampshire have been without many of the players who starred in the 2009 triumph – the likes of Dominic Cork, Michael Lumb, Imran Tahir and even Billy Taylor and Chris Tremlett.

Easy to forget

And it is easy to forget that James Vince, Liam Dawson and Chris Wood and Danny Briggs are still under 25.

While Vince and Wood are veterans of the T20 format, neither had played a 50-over game for Hampshire until this season, while Briggs had only played two.

The rules have also changed since 2009, to replicate those introduced for one-day internationals in 2012.

As well as having a maximum of two fielders outside the circle during the opening ten-over powerplay and three during the five-over batting powerplay, bowlers are

allowed no more than four (instead of five) for the other 35 overs too.

That did not help Hampshire's spinners with Smith (three wickets at 41.66), Briggs (four wickets at 57) and Dawson (three wickets at 67) all struggling to make an impression.

"It's very hard to bowl spin in those middle overs, always knowing you have to have one more man up," said Smith.

Skewed slightly

"It's a good skill if you can do it and if you can master that art you've done really well. But the competition's skewed slightly too much towards the batsmen, with the introduction of a second new ball as well.

"When you have one new ball in 40-over and 50-over cricket, towards the end you can get it to reverse which evens the battle a little."

It has not been all bad for Hampshire in the 50-over format, however.

Off-spinner Brad Taylor is still only 17 but was the most economical bowler on either side during England's 5-0 Under-19 ODI series win against South Africa last week.

And Tom Alsop hit a Trent Bridge century to finish as the second-highest run scorer.



CHRIS WOOD

One-day averages – Royal London Cup

KJ Abbott	377	7	53.85	39.42	8.19
LA Dawson	129	3	43.00	32	8.06
JM Vince	19	1	19.00	12	9.5
SM Ervine	141	1	141.00	72	11.75
BJ Taylor	16	0	-	-	16.00
NJ Rimmington	30	0	-	-	7.5
GJ Maxwell	34	0	-	-	11.33

ROYAL LONDON CUP - MOST RUNS (GROUP STAGE)

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	50	100
JA Rudolph (Glam)	8	8	1	575	169*	82.14	3	3
AD Hales (Notts)	5	5	0	384	141	76.8	0	3
WL Madsen (Derby)	7	6	1	377	138	75.4	1	2
KR Brown (Lancs)	7	7	1	373	129	62.16	2	1
JL Trott (Warks)	7	6	0	367	108	61.16	1	2
SW Billings (Kent)	7	5	2	357	135*	119	3	1
P Collingswood (Durh)	8	8	3	344	113	68.8	3	0
TC Fell (Worcs)	7	7	0	341	89	48.71	4	0
T Westley (Essex)	7	6	1	339	111*	67.8	3	1
V Chopra (Warks)	6	6	2	321	111	80.25	1	1
EC Joyce (Sussex)	8	7	1	320	59	53.33	2	0
AZ Lees (Yorks)	8	8	1	319	102	45.57	3	1
PD Trego (Som)	8	8	0	314	120	39.25	0	2
WJ Durston (Dy)	7	7	1	312	134	52	0	2
MW Goodwin (Glm)	8	8	0	307	74	38.37	4	0
JC Hildreth (Som)	8	8	4	304	146*	76	1	1
CA Ingram (Som)	7	7	0	298	72	42.57	3	0
SA Northeast (Kent)	7	7	0	297	132	42.42	1	1
MJ Lumb (Notts)	7	7	0	295	81	42.14	2	0
LJ Wright (Sussex)	6	6	0	292	127	48.66	1	1

ROYAL LONDON CUP - MOST WICKETS (GROUP STAGE)

	Rns	Wkts	Ave	SRate	Econ
AU Rashid (Yor)	372	19	19.57	24.26	4.84
Yasir Arafat (Sx)	309	17	18.17	21.47	5.07
JS Patel (Wk)	289	16	18.06	23.25	4.66
TT Bresnan (Yor)	320	15	21.33	26.53	4.82
DE Bollinger (Kent)	364	15	24.26	23.86	6.10
MG Hogan (Gm)	266	14	19.00	24.00	4.75
DA Cosker (Gm)	313	14	22.35	29.14	4.60
MHA Footitt (Dy)	353	14	25.21	24.35	6.21
L Gregory (Sm)	465	14	33.21	31.28	6.36
AP Palladino (Dy)	264	13	20.30	24.84	4.90
DD Masters (Es)	278	13	21.38	29.53	4.34
DA Payne (Gs)	235	12	19.58	24.00	4.89
TS Roland-Jones (Mx)	287	12	23.91	29.00	4.94
GR Napier (Es)	297	12	24.75	26.25	5.65
ME Claydon (Kent)	345	12	28.75	27.66	6.23
WRS Gidman (Gs)	218	11	19.81	26.72	4.44
JW Hastings (Dur)	254	11	23.09	31.27	4.43
RM Pyrah (Yor)	282	11	25.63	31.09	4.94
TD Groenewald (Sm)	383	11	34.81	36.54	5.71

ROYAL LONDON CUP - HAMPSHIRE RUNS

	M	Inns	No	Rns	HS	Av	50	100
JHK Adams	8	7	1	258	91*	43	1	0
WR Smith	7	6	0	243	59	40.5	1	0
AJA Wheeler	5	5	0	191	135	38.2	0	1

GJ Maxwell	2	2	0	181	146	90.5	0	1
MA Carberry	6	6	1	175	61	35	2	0
SM Ervine	7	6	0	144	64	24	1	0
JM Vince	4	4	0	141	79	35.25	1	0
SP Terry	4	4	1	126	63	42	2	0
LA Dawson	8	7	0	98	30	14	0	0
CP Wood	7	6	0	76	27	12.66	0	0
DR Briggs	8	7	4	56	18*	18.66	0	0
MT Coles	8	7	0	30	25	4.28	0	0
MD Bates	3	2	0	19	19	9.5	0	0
JA Tomlinson	7	6	5	18	11*	18	0	0
JS Gattling	1	1	0	13	13	13	0	0
BMR Akram	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
TP Alsop	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TE Barber	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

ROYAL LONDON CUP - HAMPSHIRE WICKETS

	Rns	Wkts	Ave	SRate	Econ
JA Tomlinson	177	9	19.66	19.55	6.03
MT Coles	292	9	32.44	30.55	6.37
CP Wood	213	7	30.42	33.28	5.48
DR Briggs	228	4	57.0	59	5.79
WR Smith	125	3	41.66	46	5.43
LA Dawson	201	3	67.0	68	5.91
TE Barber	22	2	11.0	12	5.5
SM Ervine	124	1	124.0	114	6.52
JM Vince	13	0	-	-	6.5
GJ Maxwell	23	0	-	-	7.66
BMR Akram	24	0	-	-	12

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Players out: Tom Guest (London Irish), Sam Smith (Worcester), Tim Molenaar (London Welsh), Maurie Fa'asavalu (Oyonnax), Nick Mayhew (North Harbour), Nick Kennedy, Paul Sackey (both retired).

Key signing: Marland Yarde.

Odds: 10-1.

Prospects: Consistent play-off challengers, and top-four finish is again realistic.

LEICESTER

Ground: Welford Road.

Rugby director: Richard Cockerill.

Players in: Freddie Burns (Gloucester), Brad Thorn (Highlanders), Robert Barbieri, Leonardo Ghiraldini, Michele Rizzo, Christian Loamanu (all Treviso), Aniseko Sio (Vaimoso, Samoa), Seremaia Bai (Castres).

Players out: Toby Flood (Toulouse), Thomas Waldrom (Exeter), Dan Bowden (Auckland Blues), Steve Mafi (Western Force), Ryan Lamb (Worcester), Rob Hawkins (Newcastle), Boris Stankovich (Newport Gwent Dragons), Jerome Schuster (Tarbes), George Chuter (retired).

Key signing: Leonardo Ghiraldini.

Odds: 3-1.

Prospects: Will inevitably be in the play-off picture, but cannot afford another injury-ravaged campaign.

LONDON IRISH

Ground: Madejski Stadium.

Rugby director: Brian Smith.

Players in: Tom Court (Ulster), Geoff Cross, Sean Cox (both Edinburgh), Chris Noakes (Auckland Blues), Luke Narraway, Dan Leo (both Perpignan), Tom Guest (Harlequins), James Short (Saracens), Scott Steele (Leicester), Conor Gilsenan (Leinster).

Players out: Marland Yarde (Harlequins), James O'Connor (Toulon), Ian Humphreys (Ulster), Sailosi Tagicakibau (Wasps), C J van der Linde (Eastern Province Kings), Chris Hala'ufia (Scarlets), Bryn Evans (Biarritz), Ian Gough (Newport Gwent Dragons), Declan Danaher (retired).

Key signing: Tom Guest.

Odds: 250-1.

Prospects: Lost some major firepower in Marland Yarde and James O'Connor. Will do well to finish in the top eight.

LONDON WELSH

Ground: Kassam Stadium.

Head coach: Justin Burnell.

Players in: Piri Weepu (Auckland Blues), Ollie Barkley, Nick Reynolds (both Scarlets), Lachlan McCaffrey (Brumbies), Eddie Ahoalei (Melbourne Rebels), Pablo Henn (Limoges), Tim Molenaar (Harlequins), James Down (Cardiff Blues), Tristan Roberts (Bristol), Dean Schofield, Cameron Goodhue (both Worcester), Koree Britton (Gloucester), Ben Cooper (Bedford), Chris Elder, Paul Rowley (both Plymouth), Taione Vea, Ricky Reeves (both Wasps), Jack Gilding (Viadana), James Sandford, Shane Cahill (both Cornish Pirates), Jesse Liston (Blackheath), Nathan Taylor, Jimmy Litchfield (both Hartpury College).

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Players out: Mitch Lees (Exeter), Cai Griffiths (Ospreys), Billy Moss (Bedford), Peter Edwards (Scarlets), James Tideswell (Yorkshire Carnegie), Joe Ajuwa, Mike Denbee, Tyson Keats, Ian Nimmo, Hudson Tonga'uia (all released), Sonny Parker, Andy Titterrell, Ollie Frost (all retired). Key signing: Piri Weepu.

Odds: 500-1.

Prospects: Many will expect a quick return to the Championship, and the Exiles face a huge challenge, but they could surprise the majority.

NEWCASTLE

Ground: Kingston Park.

Rugby director: Dean Richards.

Players in: Josh Furno (Biarritz), Alesana Tuilagi (NTT Shining Arcs, Japan), Kane Thompson (Chiefs, New Zealand), Lee Smith (Wakefield Wildcats RL), Rob Hawkins (Leicester), Uili Kolo'ofai (Colomiers), Semesi Taulava (Worcester), Andy Tuilagi (Newport Gwent Dragons), Juan Pablo Socino (Rotherham), Ruki Tipuna (Bristol), Calum Green (Leeds Carnegie), Eric Fry (London Scottish).

Players out: Grant Shiels (Bath), Joel Hodgson (Northampton), James Fitzpatrick, Chris Pilgrim (both Yorkshire Carnegie), Fraser McKenzie, Michael Tait (Edinburgh), Franck Montanella (Biarritz), Carlo del Fava, Alex Crockett (both retired).

Key signing: Josh Furno.

Odds: 250-1.

Prospects: Look set to be in the Premiership's relegation scrap, and they might not survive it.

NORTHAMPTON

Ground: Franklin's Gardens.

Rugby director: Jim Mallinder.

Players in: Joel Hodgson (Newcastle).

Players out: Gerrit-Jan van Velze (Worcester), Paul Diggins (retired). Key signing: Joel Hodgson.

Odds: 9-4.

Prospects: The reigning champions set the bar high last season. Nailed on for play-offs - at least

SALE SHARKS

Ground: A J Bell Stadium.

Rugby director: Steve Diamond.

Players in: Nathan Hines

(Clermont Auvergne), Chris Cusiter (Glasgow), Luke McLean, Alberto de Marchi (both Treviso), Magnus Lund (Biarritz), Shalva Mamukashvili (Tbilisi), Darren Fearn (Bedford).

Players out: Dwayne Peel (Bristol), Henry Thomas (Bath), James Gaskell, Rob Miller (both Wasps), Kirill Kulemin (Perpignan), Tony Buckley (retired).

Key signing: Luke McLean.

Odds: 33-1.

Prospects: Transformed last term under rugby director Steve Diamond's astute leadership. Should again ruffle a few feathers.

SARACENS

Ground: Allianz Park.

Rugby director: Mark McCall.

Players in: Jim Hamilton, Juan Figallo (both Montpellier), Kieran Longbottom (Western Force), Mike Ellery (England Sevens).

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



HANTS SHORT OF

KEY MAN: Michael Brown hit an unbeaten century when Hampshire defeated Leicestershire at The Ageas Bowl in 2004.



EIGHT-WICKET HAUL: Dimi Mascarenhas put Leicestershire to the sword in 2004.

HISTORY is against Hampshire winning when Leicestershire roll up at The Ageas Bowl for a vital County Championship game starting on Sunday.

Hampshire have only beaten the east Midlands county once in first class action in Southampton since August 1959.

That solitary success came at The Ageas Bowl in the early weeks of the 2004 season.

Opener Michael Brown scored an unbeaten century as Shane Warne's men won by an innings despite only posting 268-6 declared.

Dimi Mascarenhas bagged eight wickets in the game as Leicestershire were dismissed for 139 and 111.

Hampshire v Leicestershire, Frizzell County Championship, Ageas Bowl, April/May 2004 (Division 2)

Leicestershire first innings	
DDJ Robinson b Mascarenhas	11
JK Maunders b Warne	34
BJ Hodge c Clarke b Tremlett	1
DL Maddy lbw b Udal	17
DI Stevens c Pothas b Mascarenhas	11
JL Sadler lbw b Warne	1
+PA Nixon c Pothas b Mascarenhas	0
*PAJ DeFreitas b Tremlett	24
CW Henderson lbw b Mullally	31
DD Masters b Mullally	5
MF Cleary not out	8
Extras (1 b, 5 lb)	6
Total (all out, 64 overs)	139
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-29, 3-56, 4-69, 5-69, 6-70, 7-70, 8-104, 9-126, 10-139	
Bowling: Mullally 11-4-22-2, Tremlett 14-5-33-2, Mascarenhas 15-9-22-3, Udal 12-3-39-1, Warne 12-6-17-2	

Hampshire first innings	
DA Kenway c Nixon b DeFreitas	23
MJ Brown not out	102
WS Kendall c Nixon b Cleary	38
MJ Clarke b Cleary	0
LR Prittpaul st Nixon b Henderson	31
+N Pothas c Hodge b Cleary	21
AD Mascarenhas run out	2
*SK Warne not out	29
Extras (13 b, 5 lb, 4 nb)	22
Total (6 wickets, declared, 72 overs)	268
Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-105, 3-105, 4-175, 5-214, 6-222	
Bowling: Cleary 17-4-57-3, DeFreitas 22-2-62-1, Masters 11-3-24-0, Henderson 12-1-65-1, Maddy 5-1-23-0, Hodge 5-0-19-0	

Leicestershire second innings	
DDJ Robinson b Mascarenhas	8
JK Maunders c Kendall b Mascarenhas	23
DL Maddy lbw b Mascarenhas	0
DI Stevens b Mascarenhas	3
BJ Hodge c Clarke b Warne	29
JL Sadler c Clarke b Tremlett	7
+PA Nixon c Brown b Mascarenhas	3
CW Henderson not out	13
*PAJ DeFreitas c Clarke b Warne	0
DD Masters b Udal	9
MF Cleary lbw b Udal	4
Extras (4 b, 2 lb, 6 nb)	12
Total (all out, 43.4 overs)	111
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-26, 3-30, 4-37, 5-66, 6-73, 7-80, 8-80, 9-103, 10-111	
Bowling: Mullally 11-4-18-0, Tremlett 9-1-35-1, Mascarenhas 10-5-22-5, Warne 11-4-26-2, Udal 2-4-2-4	

Cardigan Connor bagged 10 wickets in the match as Hampshire defeated Leicestershire by nine wickets at Basingstoke in 1995.

Hampshire v Leicestershire, Basingstoke, June 1995.

Hampshire first innings	
RSM Morris c Wells b Mullally	5
VP Terry lbw b Parsons	11
JP Stephenson c Nixon b Parsons	55
PR Whitaker c Nixon b Pierson	21
*MCJ Nicholas c Pierson b Mullally	50
GW White c Parsons b Pierson	62
+AN Aymes c Nixon b Milins	20
SD Udal c Nixon b Mullally	6
HH Streak c Nixon b Parsons	7
CA Connor b Parsons	22
JNB Bovill not out	12
Extras (12 b, 13 lb, 10 nb, 3 w)	38
Total (all out, 92.4 overs)	319
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-35, 3-91, 4-114, 5-224, 6-244, 7-255, 8-268, 9-278, 10-319 (99.4 ov)	
Bowling: Mullally 22-8-43-3, Milins 21-0-95-1, Cronje 17-6-48-0, Parsons 24-4-9-58-4, Pierson 15-1-50-2	

Leicestershire first innings	
DL Maddy lbw b Connor	0

*NE Briers c Aymes b Connor	67
ARK Pierson b Connor	4
WJ Cronje c Aymes b Connor	9
VJ Whitaker b Connor	0
VJ Wells c Terry b Connor	0
BF Smith not out	57
+PA Nixon lbw b Streak	17
GJ Parsons b Streak	0
DJ Milins lbw b Streak	30
AD Mullally c Aymes b Streak	14
Extras (6 lb, 15 nb, 1 w)	22
Total (all out, 48.3 overs)	154
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-2, 3-11, 4-11, 5-17, 6-26, 7-59, 8-59, 9-132, 10-154 (48.3 ov)	
Bowling: Connor 13-2-44-6, Bovill 14-3-48-0, Streak 9-3-1-44-4, Udal 6-3-5-0, Stephenson 6-2-7-0	

Leicestershire second innings (following on)	
DL Maddy lbw b Connor	14
*NE Briers c Udal b Connor	5
WJ Cronje b Connor	66
VJ Whitaker b Udal	11
VJ Wells b Udal	0

BF Smith lbw b Connor	67
+PA Nixon not out	44
GJ Parsons c Terry b Streak	20
DJ Milins c White b Streak	0
ARK Pierson b Streak	0
AD Mullally c Aymes b Streak	2
Extras (1 b, 7 lb, 16 nb) 24	
Total (all out, 83 overs)	253
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-50, 3-75, 4-75, 5-180, 6-185, 7-251, 8-251, 9-251, 10-253 (83 ov)	
Bowling: Connor 25-9-83-4, Bovill 26-8-57-0, Streak 13-5-40-4, Udal 15-1-46-2, Stephenson 4-1-19-0	

Hampshire second innings	
RSM Morris c Cronje b Pierson	29
VP Terry not out	45
Extras (5 lb, 2 nb)	7
Total (1 wicket, 29 overs)	92
Fall of wickets: 1-67	
Bowling: Mullally 8-5-5-0, Milins 5-0-14-0, Cronje 4-1-10-0, Parsons 7-2-32-0, Pierson 5-0-26-1	
Hampshire won by 9 wickets	

Paul Terry and Kevan James both scored half centuries as Hampshire won a dramatic run chase against Leicestershire at Bournemouth in 1991.

Hampshire v Leicestershire, Britannic Assurance County Championship, Dean Park, Bournemouth, August 1991

Leicestershire first innings	
TJ Boon run out	53
*NE Briers c Aymes b Aaqib Javed	8
PN Hepworth c Middleton b James	4
JJ Whitaker c Aymes b Turner	10
L Potter lbw b James	14
JDR Benson not out	133
CC Lewis c Middleton b Turner	34
+P Whitticase not out	114
Extras (8 b, 3 lb, 13 nb)	24

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Total (6 wickets, declared, 100 overs)394
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-31, 3-65, 4-97, 5-97, 6-175
Bowling: Aaqib Javed 16-2-72-1, Connor 17-4-62-0, James 17-4-56-2, Turner 25-7-69-2, Nicholas 6-0-36-0, Smith 4-1-22-0

Hampshire first innings22
 TC Middleton c Benson b Lewis10
 VP Terry lbw b Mills10
 IJ Turner c Whitticase b Mills11
 KD James c Wilkinson b Maguire45
 RA Smith c Wilkinson b Potter61
 DJ Gower c Lewis b Potter11
 'MCJ Nicholas not out73
 +AN Aymes not out32
 Extras (5 nb, 2 w)7
Total (6 wickets, declared, 103 overs)262
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-18, 3-41, 4-130, 5-150, 6-178
Bowling: Lewis 20-7-42-1, Mills 19-6-48-2, Maguire 27-7-52-1, Wilkinson 13-1-51-0, Potter 19-1-59-2, Hepworth 3-2-1-0, Benson 2-0-9-0

Leicestershire second innings

TJ Boon c Nicholas b Shine12
 'NE Briers not out80
 PN Hepworth not out43
 Extras (7 b, 3 lb, 5 nb)15
Total (1 wicket, declared, 47 overs)150
Fall of wickets: 1-23
Bowling: Aaqib Javed 11-3-22-0, Connor 9-0-34-0, James 3-1-6-0, Turner 13-3-32-0

Hampshire second innings79
 VP Terry lbw b Maguire79
 TC Middleton lbw b Lewis20
 DJ Gower c Potter b Mills16
 RA Smith c Wilkinson b Potter39
 'MCJ Nicholas b Maguire9
 KD James c Briers b Mills72
 +AN Aymes run out29
 CA Connor run out1
 IJ Turner not out1
 KJ Shine not out8
 Extras (3 b, 4 lb, 3 nb, 1 w)11
Total (8 wickets, 65.5 overs)285
Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-83, 3-156, 4-166, 5-187, 6-272,

7-275, 8-277
Bowling: Lewis 16.5-1-72-1, Mills 11-1-65-2, Maguire 19-3-65-2, Potter 14-2-56-1, Hepworth 5-1-20-0
Hampshire won by 2 wickets

Hampshire v Leicestershire, County Championship, Cotes, June 1958

Leicestershire first innings39
 MR Hallam c Harrison b Heath39
 J van Geloven c Sainsbury b Cannings3
 'W Watson lbw b Shackleton46
 LR Gardner lbw b Shackleton16
 AC Revill not out22
 GW Burch c Harrison b Shackleton0
 JS Savage lbw b Heath0
 +J Firth c Ingleby-Mackenzie b Heath0
 CT Spencer b Shackleton0
 TJ Goodwin b Heath2
 BS Boshier c Barnard b Shackleton4
 Extras (1 b)1
Total (all out, 75.5 overs)133
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-82, 3-91, 4-111, 5-111, 6-116,

7-116, 8-119, 9-124, 10-133 (75.5 ov)
Bowling: Shackleton 22.5-10-25-4, Cannings 11-4-25-1, Sainsbury 17-8-39-0, Heath 25-9-43-5

Hampshire first innings0
 RE Marshall b Spencer32
 JR Gray c Firth b Goodwin8
 HM Barnard c Firth b Goodwin22
 RWC Pitman c Firth b Goodwin0
 PJ Sainsbury b Spencer31
 'ACD Ingleby-Mackenzie lbw b Boshier15
 +L Harrison c Watson b Goodwin14
 D Shackleton c Burch b Boshier4
 VHD Cannings c Hallam b Goodwin0
 MB Heath not out0
 Extras (5 b, 3 lb)8
Total (all out, 67.4 overs)134
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-32, 3-54, 4-55, 5-86, 6-104, 7-118, 8-134, 9-134, 10-134 (67.4 ov)
Bowling: Spencer 19-9-36-2, Boshier 13.4-5-15-2, van Geloven 7-3-6-0, Goodwin 22-4-57-5, Savage 6-3-12-1

Leicestershire second innings32
 MR Hallam c Barnard b Heath32
 J van Geloven c Marshall b Cannings4
 'W Watson lbw b Shackleton15
 LR Gardner c Barnard b Shackleton8
 AC Revill c Harrison b Shackleton0
 GW Burch lbw b Shackleton4
 JS Savage b Heath1
 +J Firth lbw b Shackleton7
 CT Spencer b Heath1
 TJ Goodwin not out0
 BS Boshier c Marshall b Heath0
 Extras (1 b, 1 lb)2
Total (all out, 52.3 overs)84
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-44, 3-60, 4-60, 5-60, 6-65, 7-83, 8-83, 9-84, 10-84 (52.3 ov)
Bowling: Shackleton 26-11-36-5, Cannings 8-2-21-1, Heath 18.3-10-24-4

Hampshire second innings16
 RE Marshall c Revill b Boshier16
 JR Gray not out48
 H Horton not out16
 Extras (2 b, 2 lb)4
Total (1 wicket, 28 overs)84
Fall of wickets: 1-34
Bowling: Spencer 7-1-24-0, Boshier 8-1-18-1, van Geloven 4-1-11-0, Goodwin 6-1-17-0, Watson 3-0-10-0
Hampshire won by 9 wickets

Hampshire v Leicestershire, County Championship, Southampton, August 1959.

Leicestershire first innings7
 MR Hallam c Harrison b Shackleton7
 'W Watson retired hurt1
 D Kirby c Sainsbury b Shackleton5
 LR Gardner b White40
 J van Geloven run out21
 AC Revill c and b White23
 GW Burch c Harrison b Sainsbury11
 RC Smith c Shackleton b Burden9
 CT Spencer c White b Sainsbury10
 JS Savage c Gray b Shackleton1
 +GA Hickinbottom not out1
 Extras (3 lb, 1 nb, 1 w) 51
Total (all out, 78.3 overs) 143
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-19, 3-72, 4-89, 5-104, 6-115, 7-119, 8-139, 9-143 (78.3 ov)
Bowling: Shackleton 21.3-12-24-3, White 16-1-41-2, Gray 9-8-3-0, Baldry 5-2-8-0, Burden 19-5-58-1, Sainsbury 8-6-4-2

Hampshire first innings16
 RE Marshall b Spencer16
 JR Gray c Spencer b van Geloven45
 H Horton c sub b Savage12
 DO Baldry c Savage b Smith25
 HM Barnard c Hallam b Savage45
 'ACD Ingleby-Mackenzie lbw b Smith5
 PJ Sainsbury c Spencer b Savage9
 +L Harrison c Revill b Smith1
 D Shackleton c Gardner b van Geloven12
 DW White not out5
 MD Burden c Hallam b Spencer0
 Extras (13 b, 2 nb)15
Total (all out, 86.3 overs) 190
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-60, 3-98, 4-125, 5-135, 6-160, 7-169, 8-173, 9-186, 10-190 (86.3 ov)
Bowling: Spencer 21.3-8-44-2, van Geloven 21-3-52-2, Savage 25-10-49-3, Kirby 3-2-1-0, Smith 16-8-29-3

Leicestershire second innings13
 MR Hallam c Sainsbury b Shackleton13
 D Kirby c Gray b Burden24
 J van Geloven c Barnard b Sainsbury27
 LR Gardner c Harrison b Burden19
 AC Revill c Barnard b Sainsbury37
 GW Burch b Sainsbury14
 RC Smith c and b White25
 CT Spencer c Sainsbury0
 JS Savage c Hickinbottom b White1
 +GA Hickinbottom not out4
 'W Watson absent hurt1
 Extras (2 lb)2
Total (all out, 84.4 overs)166
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-45, 3-77, 4-87, 5-131, 6-140, 7-148, 8-155, 9-166 (84.4 ov)
Bowling: Shackleton 18-8-29-1, White 10.4-1-26-2, Gray 3-3-0-0, Burden 23-7-71-2, Sainsbury 30-15-38-4

Hampshire second innings20
 RE Marshall c Revill b Savage20
 JR Gray not out68
 H Horton c Hickinbottom b Savage22
 DO Baldry b Savage0
 HM Barnard not out5
 Extras (1 b, 2 lb, 2 nb)5
Total (3 wickets, 46.4 overs)120
Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-103, 3-103
Bowling: Spencer 4-0-16-0, van Geloven 3-0-26-0, Kirby 3-1-4-0, Smith 17-8-28-0
Hampshire won by 7 wickets

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Players out: Joel Tomkins (Wigan Warriors RL), Matt Stevens (Sharks, South Africa), James Short (London Irish), Nick Auterac (Bath), Michael Tagicakibau (Scarlets), Steve Borthwick (retired).

Key signing: Juan Figo. **Odds:** 2-1.

Prospects: Play-off certainties with arguably the Premiership's strongest squad. Champions-elect?

WASPS

Ground: Adams Park.

Rugby director: David Young.

Players in: Bradley Davies (Cardiff Blues), Ruaridh Jackson (Glasgow), Sailosi Tagicakibau (London Irish), Alapati Leua (Hurricanes), James Gaskell, Rob Miller (both Sale Sharks), Lorenzo Cittadini (Treviso), John Yapp (Edinburgh), Ed Shervington (Worcester), Buster Lawrence (Moseley), Thomas Young (Gloucester), Alex Lozowski (Yorkshire Carnegie).

Players out: Tom Palmer (Gloucester), Joe Carlisle (Treviso), Taione Veia, Ricky Reeves (both London Welsh), Tommy Bell (Jersey), Rory Pitman (Scarlets), Andrew Suniula (released), Hugo Southwell (retired).

Key signing: Rob Miller.

Odds: 40-1.

Prospects: Good enough to challenge the best on their day, but how many good days will they have?

Players gear up for Prem battle

THE 2015 World Cup looms large over the coming season, with the Aviva Premiership providing one of the key battlegrounds leading up to the tournament.

England players freely admit that appearing in the sport's global showpiece on home soil is their ultimate ambition, but equally understand that a poor league campaign will jeopardise their chances of being involved at all.

A familiar mantra greets the arrival of every new season and it is one that has been heard in the build-up to 2014-15, with Harlequins openseide and England captain Chris Robshaw among those outlining the increasing demands of the sport. "The game has changed and it is getting more physical, quicker, faster and tougher every year," Robshaw said.

"Guys are getting stronger and the academy players coming through now are the strongest."

Against this backdrop of ever-improving conditioning is the growing competition for a place in the top four, with the predictability of the play-offs set to be challenged like never before.

Leicester, Northampton, Saracens and Harlequins have monopolised the knockout section of the Premiership for the past three years, but only points difference separated Quins and Bath after 22 rounds of league combat last season.

HANTS v LEICESTERSHIRE: DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S DAILY ECHO

Local Cricket Spotlight

Tom leads centurions

TOM Morton etched his name in the Southern Electric Premier League annuals last weekend with a record breaking century for South Wilts against Burridge.

The 111 he made at Botley Road was his fourth of the season – and a record 14th overall in Premier League cricket.

It enabled the South Wits captain (pictured) to nip ahead of Rowledge left-hander Chris Yates and former Hampshire batsman Derek Kenway

as the leading centurions in the competition. Morton, though, has scored all his hundreds in the Premier Division – Kenway and Yates having flitted around outside the top flight for a number of seasons.

The South Wilts skipper has now scored 4,846 runs in SPL cricket and should comfortably become only the third batsmen to make the 5,000-run milestone early next season.

Leading centurions:

Tom Morton	South Wilts	138	14
Chris Yates Jnr	Rowledge	176	13
Derek Kenway	Burridge	124	13
Will Prozesky	Andover	132	12
David Wheeler	New Milton	112	10
Charlie Forward	OTs & R	113	10
James Taylor	Totton & Eling	133	10
Keith Lovelock	Hook	118	9
Lawrie Prittupaul	St Cross	140	8
Glyn Treagus	Andover	198	8
Jimmy Adams	St Cross	68	8
Shaun Green	Easton & M.V.	112	8
James Hayward	South Wilts	148	8
James Scutt	Waterlooville	171	8
Andrew Sexton	Bashley	171	7
Lee Savident	Totton & Eling	118	7
Ben Thane	Hook	176	7
* Scott Smith	Easton & M.V.	39	7
Matt Swarbrick	Bournemouth	76	6
Colin James	Paultons	108	6
Benny Howell	Totton & Eling	78	6
Richard Morris	Bashley	102	6
Steve Shaw	Hook	51	5
Paul Marks	Fawley	145	5
David Banks	Salisbury Ath	203	5
* Luke Ronchi	Bashley	31	5
* Chris Baumann	W'looville	46	5
Eddie Abel	South Wilts	159	5
David Taylor	Andover	92	5
George Marshall	Totton	82	5
Ryan Hale	Alton	139	5
* Erasmus Hendrikse	Trojans	16	5
* Neal Parlane	BAT Sports	32	5



'TEEN TORMENTORS' MAKE THEIR MARK



MATT TAYLOR

DARREN Vann has heaped praise on his teenage tormentors, Ben Johns and Matt Taylor, two 16-year olds who have really made their mark at Calmore Sports this summer.

Johns, who celebrated his SPL2 first team debut with an unbeaten 122 against Tichborne Park on the opening day of the 2013 season, has chalked up 526 runs this summer, while last weekend Taylor underlined his potential with a century of his own with Calmore in dire straights at Hartley Wintney, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**

"The real positive for us that we have had three centurions this season and two of them have been from our Under-17 team and the other, Mark Lavelle, is only 23," Vann said.

Discussing Johns, the Calmore skipper said: "Ben has shown no signs of second year blues going to make more runs this year than he did last season.

"Perhaps the biggest compliment I can give is that we don't view him as a kid any more - he now shaves, for instance - and are normally surprised if he gets out without making runs.

"He may not have the purest

technique but he does keep making runs which is the most valuable commodity a batsman has."

Taylor came to the Calmore party after Hartley Wintney had smashed a huge

305-9 on the historic Cricket Green.

"We made a real mess of the so-called run chase and were 115-8 and were looking like going home before the pubs opened," Vann mused.

"But Matt was still at the crease and showed real maturity and kept taking scoring opportunities whilst getting great support from first his Under-17 team mate Tom Pattison and then, unbelievably, Matt Maiden.

"It was an innings full of attacking strokes and a sensible approach and he completely deserved to be rewarded with his ton.

It was a great effort from someone I believe will lead Calmore Sports in the future."

Darren Vann is convinced that with youngsters of the potential of Ben Johns and Matt Taylor, plus Michael Donovan and Tom Pattison (who picked up 3 wickets on debut at Hartley Wintney, the future looks bright at Loperwood Park.



BEN JOHNS

Has Connor seized award from Ben?



CONNOR BROWNE

LANGLEY Manor's Connor Browne, pictured, may have nicked the Southern Electric Premier League, Division 2 batting award out of Ben Johns' grasp.

The 16-year old Calmore Sports left-hander appeared to have one hand on the trophy after scoring 524 runs in only his second adult season at Loperwood Park.

But then along came Browne with a 32-boundary 180 not out against hapless Totton & Eling seconds – and knocked young Ben off his top run scoring perch.

Ironically, Johns hit his career best 154 not out against Totton earlier this season, but went into today's final match against OTs & Romsey training the Manor man by 24 runs.

Langleigh Manor were away to promotion chasing Sparsholt.

Nono Pongolo, meanwhile, was homing in on a first place finish in both the Division 1 batting and bowling charts, though the Premier League's

trophy embargo on overseas players means he'll return to South Africa without the bounty in his hand luggage.

The talented Hambleton all-rounder, who is looking to play Premier Division cricket here in 2015, had made 513 runs and taken 30 wickets prior to today's SPL1 visit of Liphook & Ripsley.

Leading performers:

Premier Division

Batting: Tom Morton (South Wilts) 738, * Damien Mortimer (Lymington) 543, Nick Baker (Bashley Rydal) 532, Tom Friend (Ventnor) 524, Pete Hopson (Havant) 509, Ben Walker (Havant) 500, Eddie Abel (South Wilts) 474, Tom Alsop (Academy) 452.

Bowling: James Hilbert (South Wilts) 37, * Cameron Valente (Totton & Eling) 32, Richard Taylor (St Cross Symondians) 31, Sam Thomson (Bashley Rydal) 28, Julian Ballinger (25), * Geoff Dods (Burridge) 24, Jordan Finney (St Cross Symondians) 24.

Wicketkeeping: Tom Morton 24, Damn Friedman (Bashley Rydal) 24, Jez Bullied (Havant) 17, Jamie Rood (Burridge) 17.

Division 1

Batting: Nono Pongolo (Hambleton) 513, * Brad Schmulian (Bournemouth) 472, * Byron Haycock (Andover) 469, David Banks (Salisbury Athletic) 465, Dave Taylor (Andover) 457, Tom Gates (Fawley) 434, Ryan Covey (Liphook) 416, James Park (New Milton) 410, Dan Coombes (Basingstoke) 404, Joe Collings-Wells (Hambleton) 401.

Bowling: Nick Elliott (New Milton) 31, * Kieran Geyle (Salisbury Athletic) 30, Nono Pongolo (Hambleton) 30, Spencer Champ (Hook & Newnham Basics) 29, Matt Thankachan (Basingstoke) 28, Wayne Smith (Fawley) 28.

Wicketkeeping: Chris Martin (Liphook) 24, Kieran Earl (Fawley) 20, Ryan Beck (New Milton) 17, Robbie Hadfield (Andover) 16, Josh Buckingham (Hook) 15.

Division 2

Batting: Connor Browne (Langleigh Manor) 546, Ben Johns (Calmore Sports) 524, Rob Newman (OTs & Romsey) 470, Jack Hersh (Hartley Wintney) 453, Jack Marston (Portsmouth) 448, Mark Lavelle (Calmore Sports) 446, * Ari Karvelas (Hartley Wintney) 440, David Lloyd (Rowledge) 435.

Bowling: Mark Lavelle (Calmore Sports) 31, * Pat Burns (Portsmouth) 30, Andy Denney (Paultons) 25, * Jayden Derosa (Sparsholt) 25, * Ryan Felsch (Rowledge) 25, * Hamish Blomfield (Langleigh Manor) 25.

Wicketkeeping: Adam Gough (Sparsholt) 15, Ben Wish (Rowledge) 15, * Scott Duggan (Paultons) 15, Richard Hill (Hartley Wintney) 14.

Division 3

Batting: * Warren Ekstraal (Waterlooville) 597, James Scutt (Waterlooville) 530, Mark Heffernan (Alton II) 474, Jack Davies (P & S) 369, Tom Allam (Tichborne Park) 365, Asad Abbas (Fair Oak) 354.

Bowling: Tom Allam (Tichborne Park) 29, * Jake Roach (Tichborne Park) 28, James Rapson (Bashley Rydal II) 26, Lee Partner (Alton II) 26, Rhys Oxley (Fair Oak) 24.

Wicketkeeping: Mark Heffernan (Alton II) 21, Andy Reynolds (Waterlooville) 20. * denotes overseas players ineligible for awards

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Local Cricket Spotlight

THRILLING END TO TITLE RACE

THE Hampshire League County Division 1 championship race was set for a thrilling finale this afternoon – provided the wet weather didn't dampen the climax.

Leaders Portchester, three points ahead of Lymington II and six clear of Ventnor II, faced a far from comfortable challenge at Purbrook, winners of their last six games.

Second-placed Lymington were at Ellingham, Ventnor took on arch Island rivals Ryde, while Gosport Borough – awaiting a slip by any of the top three – were hoping to keep their outside promotion hopes alive by beating Hook & Newnham Basics II.

With points in the bank, Portchester were favourites to claim their first item of HL silverware since 1997, when they were County Division 5 champions.

A few weeks ago, their Cams Hill showdown with Shrewton might well have been looked upon as a title decider, but the Wiltshire side have been in freefall of late.

So much so, Portchester ran up a whopping 299-9 (Tom Adams 98) and beat them by a thumping 207 runs. Shrewton, CD1 leaders until a few weeks ago, were 92 all out.

But, if the notoriously wet Heath was fit following this week's heavy rain, Purbrook were unlikely to have been pushovers today.

They've soared into fifth spot on the back of six straight wins, the latest a tight five-run win over Ryde, who threatened Purbrook's 222-9 two-thirds of the way through the



PIERRE KRIEL

game. Brisbane-based Jacob Wilson's 112 for Purbrook was his third hundred since early July but, after an 81-run start by Sam Rockley (37) and Ben Wadmore (31), Ryde were handily placed.

Cameron Mitchell (56) and Josh Proctor (36) took Ryde on to 173-3, but a 3-49 spell by Aaron Dean sent wickets tumbling with the islanders finishing 217-9.

Lymington II underlined their power by skittling United Services for 75 and knocking off the runs in less than 13 overs.

Guy Layman did the damage, taking 5-29 as US plunged from 29-2 to 36-6 in three overs, finishing with a meagre 75.

Cameron Grierson, who smashed 32 of his 35 not out in boundaries,



SHAUN MCCARTHY

and Oli Kelly knocked off the runs without loss.

Six points off the top, Ventnor may rue the day they were so down on players they sent a weakened team to the Green Jackets Ground and lost to St Cross Symondians.

Ventnor ran amok against Hook & Newnham Basics II, plundering 366-5 at Steephill.

Hugh Calloway cracked 111 and skipper Ben Woodhouse 94 in a lively 144 fourth-wicket stand.

But the real fireworks began when Pierre Kriel, pictured, from the Cape whale watching town of Hermanus, got to the crease and thumped eight sixes in his 85, scored off only 37 balls!

Hook replied with 210 all out, having been 128-7 at one stage.

Gosport Borough's Kiwi import Shaun McCarthy ensured he'll finish as the leading County Division 1 run scorer with an unbeaten 156 in the 46-run win over plucky St Cross Symondians III.

But, with the Hampshire League now only rewarding English qualified players with the end-of-season prizes, it looks like Borough teammate Michael Jenkins may have a trophy to savour.

McCarthy's 156 pointed Borough to 299-5 and took his own run tally to 784, including three hundreds, the last two having come in consecutive knocks.

St Cross made a pretty decent fist of it after tea – Robbie Keith (66 n.o.) and skipper Steve Fryer (53) launching a late flurry to take their response to 253-6. Mark Burrett top scored with 81 as Ellingham posted 218-7 (Sean O'Toole 3-16) to beat Sarisbury Athletic by 76 runs at Allotment Road.

Teenage left-hand pair Cam Saul and Tom Kent have both done well for Fareham & Crofton this season – the young Zimbabwean taking his run tally to 555 and Kent 461 in the six-wicket win over relegation candidates Bournemouth II at Bath lane. Saul hit 78 and Kent 71 as Fareham chased down Bournemouth's 227-8.

Surang Uranker (64) and Jonny Hale (56) enjoyed a century second-wicket partnership for Bournemouth before Liam Keogh (38) hit some late runs before tea.

The defeat left Bournemouth needing to beat Locks Heath today to avoid a second consecutive relegation.

Title turning to holders

THE Southern Electric Premier League title race was taking a dramatic turn in favour of holders South Wilts in today's title decider against Havant at Bemerton. Starting the game nine points behind Havant, South Wilts struggled to make 175-9 with skipper Tom Morton hitting a priceless 79. Havant collapsed to 40-6 – three wickets falling without a single run added – and were 59-6 after 25 overs. Havant needed another 117 to win off the last 25 overs.



Picture by Roy Honeybone

Weatherly is lead scorer

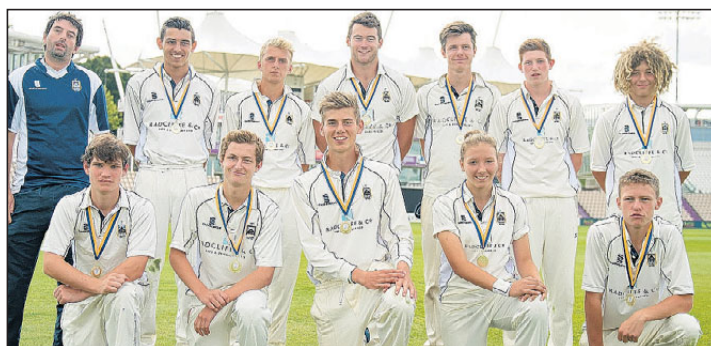
HAMPSHIRE Academy skipper Joe Weatherley, pictured, was the England Under-17s leading run scorer in the recent junior age group international series against Pakistan at Loughborough.

Weatherley made scores of 55, 44 and 23 in the three victorious ODIs and hit 81 and 67 in the three-day match which followed the 50-over games.

Leg spinner Mason Crane was also in the England Under-17 team and will play for ESCA against the MCC Schools at Lord's on Thursday.

Academy pair Tom Alsop and Brad Taylor were back in Premier League action against Totton & Eling today having played their part in England Under-19s successful Under-19 matches against South Africa.

Alsop scored a century against the Proteas at Trent Bridge and helped England to a 5-0 ODI series whitewash. Taylor took 3-26 in the fifth ODI victory.



OTS & ROMSEY: Back row: Jody Brown (manager), Ben Whitlock, Matt Evenhand, Joe Welsh, Stan Reilly, Jamie Beard, Tom George. Front row: Elliott Mitchell-Lee, Matt Bampton, Peter Newman, Katie George, Harry Tulk

OTs take second consecutive prize

OLD Tauntonians & Romsey are Hampshire Under-17 champions for a second consecutive year after beating Basingstoke & North Hants by six wickets in a low scoring final on the Ageas Bowl Nursery ground.

They restricted Basingstoke to 84-9 and, after an early wobble, polished off the target with four overs to spare. Basingstoke seemed well set with Joe Oates (24) and Dan

King (23) going nicely, but Harry Tulk took three wickets in ten balls to dramatically alter the course of the match. Matt Bampton (2-7) and left-arm spinner Pete Newman (2-23) made further inroads.

OTs reached an uncertain 48-4, but an unbroken partnership between Elliott Mitchell-Lee (36 not out) and Tom George, with a flowing 27 not out, carried the side home without further loss.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE ROUND-UP IN WEDNESDAY'S ECHO

CHAMPIONSHIP INS AND OUTS – SUMMER TRANSFER WINDOW

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Out: Michael Brown, El-Hadji Diouf, Jamie Ashdown, Adam Drury (all released), Lee Peltier (Huddersfield, free), Paul Green (Rotherham, free), Luke Varney (Blackburn, free), Lewis Turner (Harrogate, free), Ross McCormack (Fulham, undisclosed), Marius Zaliukas (Rangers, free), Danny Pugh (Coventry, free), Tom Lees (Sheffield Wednesday) Undisclosed

MIDDLESBROUGH

In: Tomas Mejias (Real Madrid, undisclosed), Enrique Garcia (Real Murcia, undisclosed), James Husband (Doncaster, undisclosed+swap), Ryan Fredericks (Tottenham, loan), Damia Abella (Osasuna, free), Adam Clayton (Huddersfield, swap), Kenneth Omeruo (Chelsea, loan), Emilio Nsue (Real Mallorca, undisclosed)
Out: Lewis Sirrell, Birger Meling, Jake Fowler, Cameron Park, Matthew Waters (all released), Matthew Dolan (Bradford, free), Jayson Leutwiler (Shrewsbury, free), Stuart Parnaby (Hartlepool, free), Frazer Richardson (Rotherham, free), Marvin Emnes (Swansea, undisclosed), Lukas Jutkiewicz (Burnley, £1.5m), Curtis Main (Doncaster, swap), Richard Smallwood (Rotherham, undisclosed), Charlie Wyke (Hartlepool, loan), Christian Burgess (Peterborough, loan), Luke Armstrong (Birmingham, free), Jacob Butterfield (Huddersfield, swap), Ryan Brobbel (Hartlepool, loan)

MILLWALL

In: Carlos Edwards (Ipswich, free), Lee Gregory (FC Halifax, undisclosed), Byron Webster (Yeovil, free), Ricardo Fuller (Blackpool, free), Magaye Gueye (Everton, free), Matthew Briggs (Fulham, free)
Out: Tom Beadle, Shane Lowry (both released), Charlie Penny (Welling, free), Liam Trotter (Bolton, free), Liam Feeney (Bolton, free), Andy Keogh (Perth Glory, free), Jack Smith (AFC Wimbledon, free), Simeon Jackson (Coventry, free), Stephen Bywater (Gillingham, loan), Paul Robinson (Portsmouth, loan)

NORWICH CITY

In: Lewis Grabban (Bournemouth, undisclosed), Kyle Lafferty (Palermo, undisclosed), Conor McGrandles (Falkirk, £1m reported), Carlos Cuellar (Sunderland, free), Cameron Jerome (Stoke, undisclosed), Gary O'Neil (QPR, free)
Out: David Fox, Carlo Nash (both released), Rod Young (Welling, free), Robert Snodgrass (Hull, £7million), Leroy Fer (QPR, £8m), Anthony Pilkington (Cardiff, £1m), Ricky van Wolfswinkel (St Etienne, loan), Carlton Morris (Oxford, loan)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

In: Danny Fox (Southampton, free), Matty Fryatt (Hull, free), Lars Veldwijk (Excelsior, undisclosed), Louis Laing (Sunderland, free), Roger Riera (Barcelona, free), Chris Burke (Birmingham, free), Jack Hunt (Crystal Palace, loan), Robert Tesche (Hamburg, free), Michail Antonio (Sheffield Wednesday, £1.5m), Britt Assombalonga (Peterborough, £5.5m)
Out: Guy Moussi, Marcus Tudgay, Ishmael Miller, Simon Gillett, Jonathan Greening, Rafik Djebbour (all released), Matt Derbyshire (Rotherham, free), Gonzalo Jara (Mainz, free), Radoslaw Majewski (Huddersfield, loan), Marcus Tudgay (Coventry, free), Karl Darlow and Jamaal Lascelles (both to Newcastle, undisclosed and loaned back), Jamie Mackie (Reading, loan), Simon Cox (Reading, undisclosed), Simon Gillett (Yeovil, free), Ishmael Miller (Blackpool, free), Darius Henderson (Leyton Orient, free)

READING

In: Andrija Novakovich (Chicago Magic, free), Oliver Norwood (Huddersfield, undisclosed), Anton Ferdinand (Antalyaspor, free), Jamie Mackie (Nottingham Forest, loan), Simon Cox (Nottingham Forest, undisclosed)
Out: Nick Arnold, Lawson D'Ath, Kaspars Gorkss, Mikele Lieke, Jobi McAnuff, Gozie Ugwu (all released), Wayne Bridge, Jason Roberts (both retired), Adam Le Fondre (Cardiff, undisclosed), Stuart Taylor (Leeds, free), Daniel Carrico (Sevilla, undisclosed), Matt Partridge (Dagenham, free), Jobi McAnuff (Leyton Orient, free), Sean Morrison (Cardiff, undisclosed)

ROTHERHAM

In: Conor Newton (Newcastle, free), Matt Derbyshire (Nottingham Forest, free), Kirk Broadfoot (Blackpool, free), Jordan Bowery (Aston Villa, undisclosed), Scott Loach (Ipswich, free), Mat Sadler (Crawley, free), Frazer Richardson (Middlesbrough, free), Febian Brandy (Sheff Utd, free), Paul Green (Leeds, free), Richard Wood (Charlton, free), Ryan Hall (MK Dons, free), Richard Smallwood (Middlesbrough, undisclosed), Anthony Wordsworth (Ipswich, loan), Paul Taylor (Ipswich, loan), John Swift (Chelsea, loan)

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Horse Racing



BEAUTY TO ROCK AT BRIGHTON

ARABIAN Beauty can prove the star turn on what is a pretty low-key card at Brighton.

The daughter of Shamardal is bred to be a fair bit better than the EBF/Family Friendly Gatwick Airport Fillies Handicap as a half-sister to Group One winner Rio De La Plata, but she has yet to really sparkle in five career starts.

That is not to say she has not won, with a recent victory at a very moderate level giving her that all-important first success which should certainly have boosted her confidence.

However, it was only an average event she claimed as she emerged a length-and-a-quarter victor of an amateur riders' race at Catterick earlier this month, easily overcoming more exposed rivals.

Cheekpieces appeared to work the oracle that day and Arabian Beauty will be equipped with them again this time as she teams up with Kieren Fallon.

A drop back in trip is not entirely in her favour but the conditions of the race favour the three-year-olds so Arabian Beauty can take advantage of that handy pull.

Rock Follies has shown hints of promise in two starts to date and can make it third-time lucky in the Lgbobviously Maiden Auction Stakes.

Lady Cecil's charge could not build on her debut second when turned out at Beverley earlier this month, having to be content with third over the minimum trip on the Westwood.

Beaten just a length and a quarter, Rock Follies should be more than capable of winning something like this.

Nufooth failed to put her best foot forward on quicker ground when last seen so the likely ease at Brighton should be more to her liking in the Tempted Before Takeoff Maiden Stakes.

She was sent off an odds-on favourite at Lingfield in early August but had to make do with second to Red Rebel when upped to just short of a mile.

SELECTIONS:

BRIGHTON: 2.00 Autumns Blush, 2.30 Rock Follies, 3.00 Nufooth, 3.30 ARABIAN BEAUTY (NAP), 4.00 Roman Riches, 4.30 Elle Rebelle, 5.00 Jontleman.
CORK: 2.20 Max Fire, 2.50 Plinth, 3.20 Royal Flight, 3.50 False Economy, 4.20 Regal Theatre, 4.50 Gretzky, 5.20 Bon Chic.
CURRAGH: 2.05 Frozen Lake, 2.35 Together Forever, 3.05 Cappella Sansevero, 3.35 Odeliz, 4.05 Green Dragon, 4.35 Move To Strike, 5.05 Antiquus.
WORCESTER: 2.10 Authinger, 2.40 Big Generator, 3.10 Navanman, 3.40 Bliidn, 4.10 Cool Sky, 4.40 Milly Malone, 5.10 Bennys Quest.
DOUBLE: Arabian Beauty and Big Generator.

Richard Hannon drops back in trip again to seven furlongs which should help Nufooth's chances as she perhaps did not quite get home over the longer trip.

Big Generator is a fascinating Irish raider for Paul Nolan at Worcester and is thoroughly worth backing in the toteplacepot Handicap Chase.

The eight-year-old has been in fantastic form of late, winning two of his last three outings and finishing second on the other occasion.

He has mixed and matched his disciplines with victory coming over hurdles at Tipperary in June before following up over fences at Wexford later that month.

Nolan stuck over the bigger obstacles when Big Generator could finish only second back at Tipperary, although that was still a creditable run.

Big Generator has a tendency to jump left so Worcester should play to his strengths and while he has a significantly higher rating now, he still manages to sneak in at the bottom of the handicap and will have the assistance of Richard Johnson.



FAVOURITE: Kieren Fallon saddles Arabian Beauty in the 3.30 at Brighton.

Horse Racing



BRIGHTON

Going: Good to Soft

2.00 GATWICKAIRPORT.COM HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £8,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £5,175.

1	635221	SECRET MISSILE (17) (D) W Muir 4 9 10	.....	M Dwyer 1
2	-6005V	LADY GIBALTAR (6) (D) T Jarvis 5 9 7	.....	A Kirby 3
3	550003	JIROFT (ITV) (39) (D) Miss A Stokell 7 9 6	.....	G Mahon (7) 5
4	321305	SECRET MILLIONAIRE (IRE) (23) (D8) L Dace 7 9 3M J Murphy (3) 6	.....
5	0-0330	DUTCH INTERIOR (35) (D) G L Moore 3 9 2	.....	G Baker 7
6	000033	SACHA PARK (IRE) (11) R Hannon 3 9 1	.....	R Hughes 9
7	553332	STORM LIGHTNING (10) (CD) W Briscoe 5 8 12	.....	C Hardie (5) 10
8	423260	WHITECREST (8) (CD) J Spearing 6 8 12	.....	W Twiston-Davies 8
9	122431	VODKA CHASER (IRE) (12) (D) A Hutchinson 3 8 12	.....	P Prince (3) 4
10	5-0544	AUTUMNS BLUSH (IRE) (30) (D)(BF) J Nosedá 3 8 10	.....	K Fallon 2

BETTING: 9-2 Secret Missile, 5-1 Storm Lightning, 6-1 Dutch Interior, 7-1 Sacha Park, Autumns Blush, 8-1 Vodka Chaser, Secret Millionaire, 10-1 Whitecrest, 12-1 others.

2.30 LGWOBVIOUSLY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	64260	HO YAM LAY (13) N Littmoden 8 10	.....	J Vaughan (7) 3
2	054	PRETTY PICTURE (10) Miss G Kelleway 8 8	.....	D Probert 1
3	23	ROCK FOLLIES (18) Lady Cecil 8 8	.....	R Hughes 4
4	2362	TONGUE TWISTA (13) (BF) N Littmoden 8 8	.....	J Crowley 2

BETTING: Evens Tongue Twista, 11-4 Rock Follies, 3-1 Pretty Picture, 14-1 Ho Yam Lay.

3.00 TEMPTED BEFORE TAKEOFF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4). £6,500 added 2YO only 7f

WORCESTER

Going: Good to Firm

2.10 WIN BIG WITH THE TOTE JACKPOT NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 4). £6,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,899.

1	P-1023	AUTHINGER (IRE) (10) (D) A J Martin (IRE) 6 11 6	.....	A P McCoy
2	1P-P66	VINNIE THE FISH (IRE) (10) D Burchell 6 11 0	.....	R T Dunne
3	-2331P	FAIRYINTHEWIND (IRE) (18) (CD) B Powell 5 10 13	.....	B J Powell

BETTING: 4-5 Authinger, 6-4 Fairyinthewind, 8-1 Vinnie The Fish.

2.40 TOTEPLACEPOT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS 2). £20,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m 110yds Penalty Value £12,660.

1	-21112	ABLE DEPUTY (49) (CD) K Bailey 7 11 12	.....	A P McCoy
2	P1-011	FAIR DILEMMA (IRE) (49) (D) P Henderson 9 11 6	.....	T J O'Brien
3	121-43	CROCO BAY (IRE) (28) (D) S Case 7 11 2	.....	D Jacob
4	5-1121	HALLINGS COMET (14) (CD) Adrian Wintle 5 11 2	.....	A Coleman
5	03234-	NOTARFAD (IRE) (197) (D) J Scott 8 10 10	.....	N Schofield
6	22-421	BULLET STREET (IRE) (18) (D) E Williams 6 10 6	.....	P Moloney
7	311413	SEDGEMOOR EXPRESS (IRE) (10) (CD) N Hawke 6 10 6	.....	T Scudamore
8	0-P112	BIG GENERATOR (42) (D) Paul Nolan (IRE) 8 10 2	.....	R Johnson

BETTING: 7-2 Able Deputy, 4-1 Big Generator, 5-1 Fair Dilemma, 6-1 Bullet Street, 13-2 Hallings Comet, 7-1 Croco Bay, 8-1 Sedgemoor Express, 12-1 Notarfad.

3.10 TOTESPORT.COM INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS 6). £2,500 added 4 to 6YO 2m Penalty Value £1,624.

1	2	NAVANMAN (IRE) (113) D Pipes 5 11 2	.....	T Scudamore
2	P-1	DANCING MEADOWS (IRE) (68) (D) G Elliott (IRE) 4 11 1A	.....	P McCoy
3	PP	BONNIE (87) J Spearing 5 10 9	.....	J Moore
4		BOW BELLE J R Jenkins 4 10 8	.....	A Coleman

Penalty Value £4,205.

1		CONSORTIUM (IRE) D M Simcock 9 5	.....	J Crowley 2
2	02	GRAND SPIRIT (IRE) (25) L Cumani 9 5	.....	A Kirby 7
3		GREATEST JOURNEY S Bin Suroor 9 5	.....	H Bentley 5
4	5	KING'S CONCERTO (IRE) (12) D Ivory 9 5	.....	Hayley Turner 3
5	00	NOBLE MASTER (83) S Kirk 9 5	.....	D Probert 4
6	0	POLYDUS (9) E Dunlop 9 5	.....	W Twiston-Davies 8
7	0	RIVER DART (IRE) (18) M Tregning 9 5	.....	G Baker 1
8	642	NUFOOTH (IRE) (29) (BF) R Hannon 9 5	.....	D O'Neill 6

BETTING: Evens Nufooth, 7-2 Greatest Journey, 4-1 Grand Spirit, 8-1 Consortium, 20-1 Polydus, 25-1 River Dart, 33-1 King's Concerto, 50-1 Noble Master.

3.30 EBF / FAMILY FRIENDLY GATWICK AIRPORT FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £12,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £8,086.

1	562044	YOYOJO (IRE) (24) (CD) Miss G Kelleway 5 10 0	.....	D Probert 6
2	011303	MARTINAS DELIGHT (USA) (13) (D) T Jarvis 4 9 6	.....	A Kirby 4
3	105332	TARO TYWOD (IRE) (19) (CD) W Briscoe 5 9 4	.....	C Hardie (5) 2
4	260-33	RUSSIAN ROYALE (37) W Kittow 4 9 2	.....	R Hughes 1
5	323331	LOCH MA NAIRE (IRE) (17) (D) E Dunlop 3 9 1	.....	G Baker 7
6	636321	CHORAL FESTIVAL (21) (CD) J Bridger 8 9 1	.....	W Carson 3
7	02-641	ARABIAN BEAUTY (IRE) (16) S Bin Suroor 3 9 0	.....	K Fallon 8
8	342214	THATCHEREEN (IRE) (16) (D) M Bell 3 8 12	.....	D Muscutt (5) 5

BETTING: 11-4 Arabian Beauty, 7-2 Loch Ma Naire, 6-1 Choral Festival, 7-1 Thatcherreen, Tarot Tywod, 8-1 Russian Royale, 10-1 Martin's Delight, 12-1 Yojojo.

4.00 GATWICK AIRPORT SUPPORTS CANCER RESEARCH UK HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 3YO only 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	033051	LOCHALSH (IRE) (19) (D) W Knight 9 7	.....	R Hughes 5
2	500445	HALLBECK (25) H Candy 9 6	.....	D O'Neill 2
3	636103	ROMAN RICHES (4) G L Moore 9 4	.....
4	655325	TUNNEL TIGER (IRE) (12) W Knight 9 2	.....	J Duern (5) 8
5	05000	I AM NOT HERE (IRE) (18) T Jarvis 9 0	K Fallon 3

Sunday's runners

6	000560	DARK DAYS (52) P Cole 8 9	M Lane 1
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BETTING: 13-8 Lochalsh, 4-1 Hallbeck, 9-2 Tunnel Tiger, 5-1 Roman Riches, 7-1 Dark Days, 14-1 I Am Not Here.

4.30 GATWICK AIRPORT SUPPORTS CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £3,234.

1	400541	ROUGE NUAGE (IRE) (12) (D) C Allen 4 9 12	.....	J Nason (5) 9
2	124024	HIERARCH (IRE) (12) (C)(D) D M Simcock 7 9 12	.....	Sophie Killoran (7) 1
3	360315	EMMAN BEE (IRE) (15) (CD)(BF) L Dace 5 9 10	.....	M J Murphy 5
4	001005	LE DELUGE (FR) (7) (D) Miss A Stokell 4 9 8	.....	G Mahon (5) 8
5	632121	HAWK MOTH (IRE) (12) (C)(D) J Spearing 6 9 4	.....	K Shoemark (5) 4
6	302563	ENRICHING (USA) (12) (D) N Littmoden 6 9 4	.....	J Osborn (7) 3
7	212643	BYRD IN HAND (IRE) (15) (CD) J Bridger 7 9 1	.....	C Bishop 2
8	-30143	ELLE REBELLE (24) (CD) W Briscoe 4 8 9	.....	C Hardie (3) 7
9	002203	BIG CITY BOY (IRE) (24) P McEntee 6 8 7	.....	D Brock 6

BETTING: 3-1 Rouge Nuage, 7-2 Hawk Moth, 5-1 Emaan Bee, 7-1 Le Deluge, 8-1 Byrd In Hand, 10-1 Elle Rebele, Hierarchy, 14-1 Enriching, 16-1 Big City Boy.

5.00 GATWICK AIRPORT SUPPORTS GATWICK TRAVELCARRE HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £3,234.

1	-15551	AYE AYE DIGBY (IRE) (22) (D9) P Channings 9 9 10	.....	G Baker 4
2	121300	AMENABLE (IRE) (10) (C)(D) C Dore 7 9 8	.....	Hayley Turner 2
3	300005	PRINCE REGAL (5) (D) T Jarvis 4 9 7	.....	K Fallon 7
4	533115	PARISIAN PYRAMID (IRE) (7) (D) L Carter 8 9 7	.....	Thomas Brown (3) 3
5	430052	JONTLEMAN (IRE) (12) (D) M Channon 4 9 6	.....	C Bishop (3) 5
6	322545	ALNOOMAAS (IRE) (9) L Dace 5 9 1	.....	R Hughes 6
7	640100	MERIDUIS (IRE) (15) (D) N Littmoden 4 9 0	.....	J Crowley 8
8	510051	PERFECT PASTIME (12) (CD) J Boyle 6 8 11	.....	P Cosgrave 1

BETTING: 11-4 Perfect Pastime, 4-1 Jontleman, 11-2 Parisian Pyramid, 6-1 Aye Aye Digby, 7-1 Alnoomaas, 8-1 Prince Regal, 10-1 Meriduis, 12-1 Amenable.

Sunday's runners

4.40 TRY A TOTETRIFECTA HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,250 added 4YO PLUS 2m 7f Penalty Value £2,112.

1	20-643	MOTOU (FR) (14) R Phillips 9 11 12	.....	A P McCoy
2	-06620	OVER THE AIR (31) J Spearing 6 11 8	.....	N De Boynville (3) 3
3	1-0032	FINISH THE STORY (IRE) (17) J Farrelly 8 11 6	.....	B J Powell
4	3PP-01	THE WEE MIDGET (30) (D) A Whiting 9 11 5	.....	Conor Smith (7) 7
5	00-520	ANNAMULT (IRE) (61) A Phillips 6 11 0	.....	Miss A Stirling (7) 7
6	1F-103	NISHAY (IRE) (80) D Rees 7 10 13	.....	P Moloney
7	2-1632	MILLY MALONE (IRE) (10) (BF) Adrian Wintle 8 10 8	.....	R Johnson
8	40U0R5	ZAFARABAN (IRE) (8) J Sadiq 7 10 8	.....	J Moore
9	/000-P	QUINOLA DES OBEAUX (FR) (116) B Summers 10 10 5	.....	James Best (3) 3
10	06-05F	MODELIGO (IRE) (55) M Sheppard 5 10 3	.....	C Poste
11	000354	TANTALIZED (8) Dave Roberts 5 10 2	.....	L Edwards

BETTING: 4-1 Motou, 9-2 Finish The Story, 5-1 Milly Malone, 6-1 The Wee Midget, 7-1 Nishay, 8-1 Annamult, 10-1 Modeligo, 14-1 Over The Air, Tantalized, 16-1 others.

5.10 TOTESWINGER THREE WAYS TO WIN HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,250 added 4YO PLUS 2m Penalty Value £2,112.

1	31004-	EXEMPLARY (130) (D) A Dunn 7 11 12	.....	N Schofield
2	-30533	BENNYS QUEST (IRE) (12) (CD) N Mulholland 11 11 11	.....	Peter Carberry (3) 3
3	34PP-0	DIAMOND TAMMY (IRE) (12) (D) David Dennis 8 11 9	.....	T Phelan
4	1240-0	ACAPULCO BAY (F17) (D) D Burchell 10 11 7	.....	Rob Williams (5) 5
5	-26352	SPECIAL REPORT (IRE) (12) N Mulholland 4 11 5	.....	M Hamill (10) 10
6	-505-00	TAROLIM (IRE) (54) (D) A Carroll 7 10 11	.....	L Edwards
7	FU-650	DARCEY DIVA (48) Miss J Du Plessis 6 10 11	.....	James Best (3) 3
8	00006-	SUNKY (150) D Rees 5 10 1	.....	D Devereux
9	/050P0	SWEET SUGAR (FR) (12) J R Jenkins 8 10 0	.....	A Coleman
10	63-000	MAXDELAS (FR) (49) R Brotherton 8 10 0	.....	K Moore (5) 5

BETTING: 2-1 Special Report, 4-1 Bennys Quest, 6-1 Exemplary, 8-1 Acapulco Bay, Maxdelas, 12-1 Darcey Diva, 14-1 Sweet Sugar, Tarolim, 16-1 others.

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Out: Michael O'Connor, Claude Davis, Danny Schofield, Lionel Ainsworth, (all released), Nicky Adams (Bury, undisclosed), Danny Hylton (Oxford, free), Wes Thomas (Birmingham, free), Scott Shearer (Crewe, free), Kayode Odejayi (Tranmere, free), Mitch Rose (Crawley, loan), Danny Rowe (Wycombe, loan), Nicky Walker (Wycombe, loan), David Worrall (Southend, free), Kieran Agard (Bristol City, undisclosed), David Noble (Oldham, free)

SHEFFIELD WED

In: Matt Young (Southampton, free), Ed Sanders (Stoke, free), Paul McElroy (Hull, free), Kieren Westwood (Sunderland, free), Sam Hutchinson (Chelsea, free), Tom Lees (Leeds) Undisclosed, Stevie May (St Johnstone, undisclosed), Dejan Kelhar (Red Star Belgrade, free) Out: Jermaine Johnson, Arron Jameson, Anthony Gardner, Martin Taylor, David Prutton (all released), Danny Mayor (Bury, undisclosed), Adam Davies (Barnsley, free), Taylor McKenzie (Notts County, free), Reda Johnson (Coventry, free), Miguel Llera (Scunthorpe) Free, Michail Antonio (Nottingham Forest, £1.5m)

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In: Andrew Taylor (Cardiff, undisclosed), Aaron Taylor-Sinclair (Partick, free), James Tavernier (Newcastle, undisclosed), Oriol Riera (Osasuna, undisclosed), Don Cowie (Cardiff, free), Emyr Huws (Manchester City, loan) Out: Jean Beausejour, Markus Hoggerson, Jordan Mustoe, Adam Buxton (all released), Jordi Gomez (Sunderland, free), Danny Redmond (Hamilton, free), Juan Carlos Garcia (CD Tenerife, loan), Jordan Mustoe (Accrington Stanley, free), Marko Marosi (Doncaster, free), Stephen Crainey (Fleetwood, free)

WOLVES

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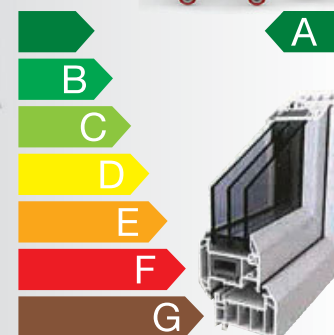
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Burnley	0	Man Utd	0
HT 0-0		Att 21,099	
Everton	L	Chelsea	0
HT L-L		Att 45,622	
Man City	0	Stoke	1
HT 0-0		Att 58,588	
Newcastle	3	Crystal P	3
Janmaat 37		Gailey 1	
Aarons 73		Puncheon 48	
Williamson 88		Zaha 90	
HT 1-1		Att 49,226	
Q.P.R.	1	Sunderland	0
Austin 45		Att 17,930	
HT 1-0			
Swansea	3	W.B.A.	0
Dyer 27		Att 20,318	
Routledge 24			
HT 2-0			
West Ham	1	SAINTS	3
Noble 27		Schneiderlin 45,68	
HT 1-1		Pelle 83	
		Att 34,907	

	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Swansea	3	2	0
Tottenham	2	1	0
Chelsea	2	1	0
Man City	2	1	0
Arsenal	2	1	0
SAINTS	3	0	1
Hull	2	0	1
A. Villa	2	0	1
Stoke	3	0	1
West Ham	3	0	1
Liverpool	2	1	0
Q.P.R.	3	1	0
Everton	2	0	1
Sunderland	3	0	1
Man Utd	3	0	1
Newcastle	3	0	1
W.B.A.	3	0	1
Leicester	3	0	1
Crystal P	3	0	1
Burnley	3	0	1

SkyBet Championship

Brighton	2	Charlton	2
Dunk 67,90		Vetokele 4,75	
HT 0-1		Att 26,189	
Derby City	1	Ipswich	1
Martin 13		Berra 52	
HT 1-0		Att 26,673	
Fulham	1	Cardiff	1
Hoogland 22		Jones 55	
HT 1-0		Att 17,508	
Leeds Utd	1	Bolton	0
Warnock 17		Att 21,901	
HT 1-0			
Middlesbrough	0	Reading	1
HT 0-1		Cox 7	
Millwall	2	Blackpool	0
McDonald 33		Ranger 71	
HT 1-0		Att 9,877	
Norwich	1	CHERRIES	1
Grabban 15		Wilson 45	
HT 1-1		Att 25,814	
Rotherham	0	Brentford	2
HT 0-1		Gray 45	
Sheff Wed	0	Nottm For	0
HT 0-1		Att 9,016	
Watford	4	Huddersfield	2
Deeney 15		Burn 48	
Abdi 54,90		Wallace 63	
Andrews 68		Att 14,409	
HT 1-0			
Wigan	4	Birmingham	0
McManaman 9,45		Att 11,708	
Taylor 39			
Waghorn 78			
HT 3-0			
Wolves	3	Blackburn	0
Dicko 13		Rhodes 59	
Sako 33,68		Att 21,260	
HT 2-0			

	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Nottm For	5	2	0
Watford	5	3	0
Wolves	5	3	0
Norwich	5	2	1
Millwall	5	2	1
Charlton	5	2	0
Derby City	5	2	1
Brentford	5	2	0
Cardiff	5	2	0
Sheff Wed	5	2	1
CHERRIES	5	2	1
Wigan	5	2	1
Brighton	5	1	1
Blackburn	5	1	0
Reading	5	1	0
Middlesbrough	5	1	0
Rotherham	5	1	0
Leeds Utd	5	2	0
Ipswich	5	1	0
Birmingham	5	1	0
Huddersfield	5	0	1
Bolton	5	0	1
Fulham	5	0	1
Blackpool	5	0	1

SkyBet League One

Colchester	1	Peterboro	3
Sears 64		Washington 21	
HT 0-2		Ntthe 25	
Doncaster	0	Oldham	2
Att 4,014		Clarke-Harris 4	
HT 0-1		Fort 59 pen	
Fleetwood Tn	1	Leyton O	1
Dobbie 83		Henderson 34	
HT 0-1		Att 3,222	
Gillingham	2	Crewe	0
Dack 18		Att 4,998	
McDonald 45			
M K Dons	2	Crawley	0
Alli 15		Att 7,148	
Afove 90			
HT 1-0			
Port Vale	1	Chesterfield	2
Marshall 41		Doyle 9	
HT 1-1		Roberts 46	
Preston	1	Sheff Utd	1
Little 11		Baxter 41	
HT 1-1		Att 11,058	
Rochdale	0	Bradford	2
Att 4,758		Kennedy 60	
HT 0-0		Hanson 66	
Scunthorpe	2	Walsall	1
Adelakun 51		Bradshaw 70	
McSheffrey 54		Att 3,098	
HT 0-0			
Swindon	1	Coventry	1
Branco 72		McQuaid 41	
HT 0-1		Att 7,299	
Yeovil	1	Barnsley	1
Cranie 76 og		Houlihan 27	
HT 0-1		Att 3,991	

	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Peterboro	5	1	0
Fleetwood Tn	5	1	0
M K Dons	5	2	1
Bradford	5	1	0
Chesterfield	5	1	0
Preston	5	1	0
Barnsley	5	1	0
Swindon	5	2	1
Bristol C	4	1	0
Notts Cnty	4	1	0
Doncaster	5	0	1
Sheff Utd	5	1	0
Gillingham	5	2	1
Leyton O	5	0	1
Coventry	5	1	0
Crawley	5	1	0
Oldham	5	0	1
Port Vale	5	0	1
Yeovil	5	0	1
Rochdale	5	0	1
Scunthorpe	5	1	0
Walsall	5	0	1
Colchester	5	0	1
Crewe	5	0	1

	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Peterboro	5	1	0
Fleetwood Tn	5	1	0
M K Dons	5	2	1
Bradford	5	1	0
Chesterfield	5	1	0
Preston	5	1	0
Barnsley	5	1	0
Swindon	5	2	1
Bristol C	4	1	0
Notts Cnty	4	1	0
Doncaster	5	0	1
Sheff Utd	5	1	0
Gillingham	5	2	1
Leyton O	5	0	1
Coventry	5	1	0
Crawley	5	1	0
Oldham	5	0	1
Port Vale	5	0	1
Yeovil	5	0	1
Rochdale	5	0	1
Scunthorpe	5	1	0
Walsall	5	0	1
Colchester	5	0	1
Crewe	5	0	1

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon	2	Stevenage	3
Tubbs 34		Well 2	
Azeze 90		Lancaster 59	
HT 1-1		Lee 74	
Bury	2	Acc Stanley	1
Rose 35		Naismith 19	
Mayor 62		Att 3,381	
HT 1-1			
Cambridge	5	Carlisle	0
Diallo 25		Att 3,512	
Simpson 33,45			
Stockley 83,87			
HT 3-0			
Cheltenham	1	Hartlepool	0
Arthur 90		Att 2,735	
HT 0-0			
Mansfield	1	Burton Albion	2
Rhead 75		MacDonald 42	
HT 0-1		McFadzean 71	
Northampton	1	Exeter	0
Richards 89		Att 4,053	
HT 0-0			
Oxford Utd	3	Dagenham	3
Jakubiak 3		Hemmings 7	
Hylton 55,61 pen		Cureton 46	
HT 1-1		Ogogo 71	
Plymouth	2	Southend	0
Alessandra 52		Att 4,391	
Reid 68			
HT 0-0			
POMPEY	0	Newport County	1
HT 0-0		Sandell 84	
Shrewsbury	2	Luton	0
Clark 3,70		Att 16,191	
HT 1-0			
Tranmere	2	Morecambe	1
Stockton 58,90		Hughes 39	
HT 0-1		Att 4,656	
York	0	Wycombe	0
HT 0-0		Att 3,209	

	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Nottm For	5	2	0
Watford	5	3	0
Wolves	5	3	0
Norwich	5	2	1
Millwall	5	2	1
Charlton	5	2	0
Derby City	5	2	1
Brentford	5	2	0
Cardiff	5	2	0
Sheff Wed	5	2	1
CHERRIES	5	2	1
Wigan	5	2	1
Brighton	5	1	1
Blackburn	5	1	0
Reading	5	1	0
Middlesbrough	5	1	0
Rotherham	5	1	0
Leeds Utd	5	2	0
Ipswich	5	1	0
Birmingham	5	1	0
Huddersfield	5	0	1
Bolton	5	0	1
Fulham	5	0	1
Blackpool	5	0	1



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	HOME	AWAY	
P	W	D	L
Burton Albion	5	2	0
Cheltenham	5	2	0
Morecambe	5	2	0
Shrewsbury	5	3	0
Wycombe	5	1	0
Bury	5	2	0
POMPEY	5	2	0
Northampton	5	2	0
Cambridge	5	2	0
Plymouth	5	2	0
Tranmere	5	1	1
Dagenham	5	1	0
Wimborne	5	0	1
Southend	5	1	0
Mansfield	5	2	0
York	5	0	3
Luton	5	0	1
Newport Cnty	5	0	1
Hartlepool	5	0	2
Exeter	5	0	2
Carlisle	5	0	1
Oxford Utd	5	0	1
Acc Stanley	5	0	1

Scottish Premiership

Aberdeen	2	Partick	0
Low 47		McGinn 66	
HT 0-0		Att 11,003	
Hamilton	4	Ross Cnty	0
Canning 47		Att 3,830	
Antoine-Curier 56 pen, 63 pen			
HT 0-0			
Inverness CT	2	Kilmarnock	0
Doran 75		Att 2,684	
Tansley 80			
HT 0-0			
Motherwell	0	St Johnstn	1
HT 0-0		Graham 86	
St Mirren	0	Dundee Utd	3
Erskine 47		Att 3,700	
Fogut 69			
Spittal 86			
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Gateshead 2 Chester 1	
Lincoln 1 Torquay 3	
Macclesfield 2 Eastleigh 0	
Nuneaton 2 Altrincham 1	
Southport 0 Barnet 2	
Welling 1 Forest Green 1	
Wrexham 1 Woking 2	

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Basingstoke 1 Ebbsfleet 0	
Boreham Wood 1 Bath City 2	
Chelmsford 1 Staines 3	
Concord Rangers 0 Gosport Borough 0	
Havant & Waterlooville 0 Bishops Cleeve 1	
Maldenhead 0 Eastbourne Borough 0	
St Albans 2 Sutton 4	
Wealdstone 0 Bromley 4	
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Bideford 3 Arlesley 0	
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Bemerton HH 0 AFC Bourne 0	
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Cheltenham Saracens 1 Fleet Town 3	
Cinderford Town 1 Horndean 2	
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Petersfield 4 Andover Town 1	
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